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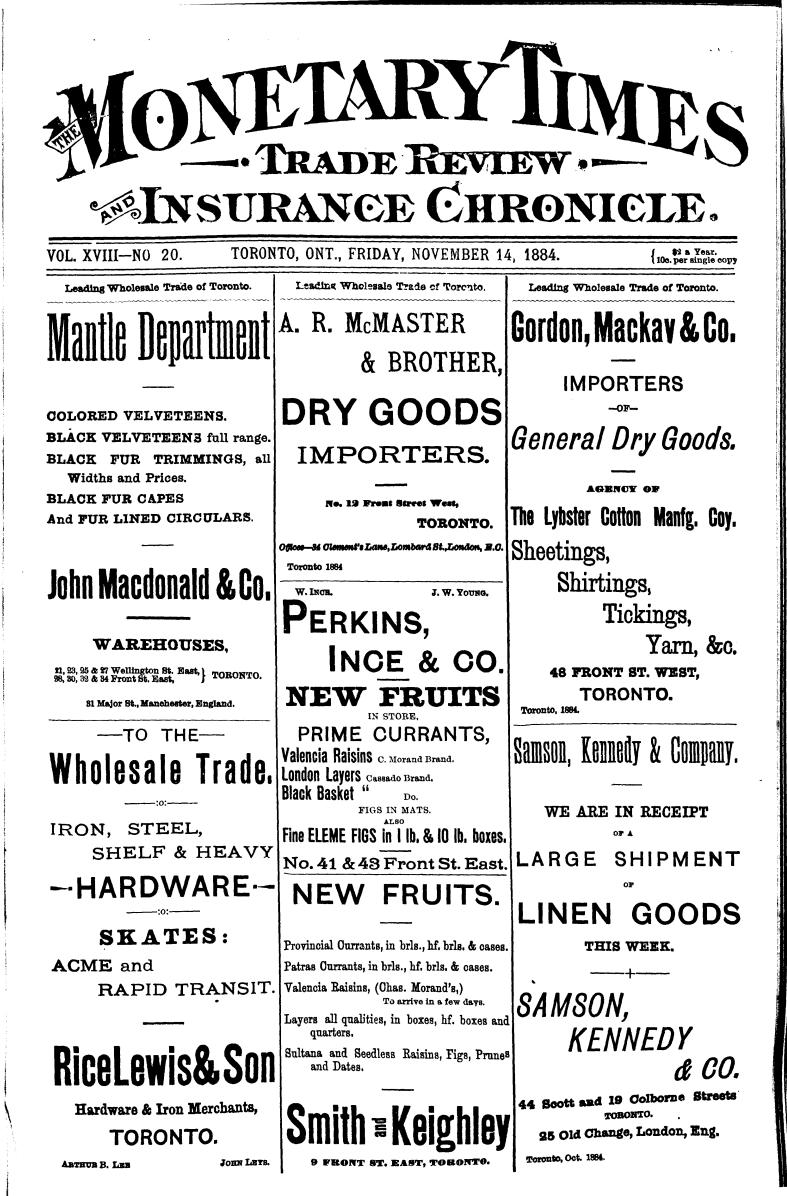
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THE Canadians are now celebrating Thanksgiving Day, says the Rochester Post. Well, the Americans have something to be thankful for, too, the campaign is over.

MESSRS. Askew & Sons have a new roller mill in Essex county. The contract for supplying the machinery and fitting up the mill was executed by a Toronto firm for \$5,000.

THE Merchant's woollen mill at Dedham, Mass., the looms of which have been silent for several weeks, started up on Wednesday morning of last week, all the operators returning to work.

A. FREELAND, a stationer in Brandon, Man., has assigned; this is due to his kindness in granting accommodation to Campbell & Son, of this city. He owes about \$5,000. Assets not yet ascertained.

THE asssignment is announced of J. & F. Burpee & Co., of St. John. N. B. The trustees, the Bank of N. B. and Bank of B. N. A., are in possession of the estate and will shortly prepare a statement of the firm's affairs.

THE Anglo French Steamship Company of Halifax, has just launched a steamer for its new line between Halifax and St. Pierre, Miquelon, calling at ports on the Bras D'Or and at Sydney, C. B. Her carrying capacity is 8.000 barrels.

THE Mount Vernon Cotton Mills, at Woodberry, Baltimore County, Md., have posted notices that the wages of operatives would be reduced ten and fifteen per cent., those receiving the highest wages to be reduced fifteen, and the others ten per cent.

THERE was in store at the Northern Railway elevator in this city, on the 10th instant, 500 barrels of flour, 9,522 bushels of fall wheat, 16,-908 bushels of spring wheat, 111,096 bushels of barley, 13,327 bushels of peas and 1,944 bushels of oats, The shipments during last week were 91,613 bushels of barley, 25,782 bushels of fall wheat and 1,376 bushels of spring wheat.

THE traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Rail. way for the week ending Nov. 7th, amounted to \$378,973, against \$420,270 for the corresponding week of 1883; a decrease of \$60,297 which consisfs of \$47,929 in passenger traffic, \$1,849 in mails and express, and \$10,519 in merchandise. The aggregate receipts for the eighteen weeks were \$5,348,823, a decrease af \$649,595 for the like period last year.

One of the largest single contracts ever made by the British Government was that awarded to Armour & Co., of Chicago, for 1,000,000 pounds of canned corn beef and 1,000 cases of bacon for the army in Egypt. It is stated that half the contract was fulfilled by delivery at Woolwich, within an hour after the order was given, and on the same day the rest of the beef started from Chicago by flying freight train for New York.

A BILL has been introduced into the the Congress of the Argentine Republic for the entire suppression of export duties, in view of the prosperous financial conditions of the country. The abolition of export duties would stimulate the productive resources of the Republic, and would enable the Argentines to enter the consuming markets of the world on more equitable terms. Canadians will watch the proposal with interest for we may do considerable business with them hereafter.

THE paper shirt has been introduced, and is thus described by the dry goods Bulletin : "The bosom of this novel garment consists of several layers, of which one can be torn off every day, on the blotting pad principle, exposing a clean white surface in its place. A still more enterprising inventor is now trying to perfect a plan for printing instalments of a sensational novel that, having once commenced the thrilling tale, | former.

the wearer of the shirt will be unable to wait a d.y for the next instalment, and so be tempted to peel off the successive layers of his shirt front at more frequent intervals to loan to his best lady friend.

THE potato crop of P. E. Island will this year fall fully 50 per cent. below that of last year. From 30 to 35 cents per bushel is the ruling price- Oats have been an extra crop, and can be bought for 16 cents in some parts of the Island.

THE by-law to raise \$50,000 to purchase a steam engine with all the necessary hose, reel, &c., was voted on at Midland on Monday and carried by a majority of 113, only 11 voting against it. The fire hall and hose cower will be built at once.

MB. J. A. MORTON, hop-grower, writes to the Mail that Messrs. A. J. Luce & Co., of New York city, have lately established a hop-plantation in Canada of 400 acres. They have already paid for kilns, poles, labor, etc., over \$100,000, giving employment to a large number of working men.

THE London papers are strongly opposing the further use of Aniline Dyes, particularly in the coloring of hose; the same having been found dangerous to life in consequence of the large quantities of arsenic used in the manufacture. An effort is making to revive interest in madder and indigo dyes, which it is hoped will prove successful.

FURTHER shipments of Canadian hops have been made to the English market, we are told, but depressed condition of this market continues. According to a Montreal despatch, choice Canadian hops have been sold in small lots of two and three bales to brewers at 17 to 18c., but the outside figure is difficult to obtain now. Common kinds are offered at 14 to 16c. per pound.

LAST week's shipments of apples from Montreal for Liverpool, Glasgow, and London, amounted to 18,204 bbls., which makes the season's shipments from that port to date 51,724 barrels. New York and Boston shipped last week to these and other ports 36,143 barrels, which, with previous shipments, makes 237,126 barrels for the season. The total shipments this season from the United States and Canada are therefore 288.850 barrels.

THE civic returns of Montreal for the year ending 31st October, shows the total receipts on revenue account to be \$1,840,291, against \$1,-850.122 for the corresponding period last year, a falling off of \$9,881. The special collections, such as street improvements. drains, sidewalks, etc., amount to \$99,161, against \$76,953, an increase of \$22,208, so that the total receipts of revenue show an increase of \$12,327 over last year.

THE monthly meeting of the Montreal Harbour Commission was held yesterday. Mr. Andrew Robertson in the chair. The statement showed the tonnage of the port to be 96,000 tons, an increase of nearly 10,000 tons over the same period of last year but the total revenue was \$198,000, a decrease of nine per cent as compared with last year. This deficiency in revenue arose from the practical suspension of the duties up to the first September.

THE creditors of the Thamesville branch of Fawcett, Livingston & Co's bank, met on last Friday, when it was decided to accept from Mr. Livingstone an assignment of all his personal and real property, to be placed in the hands of two trustees to act with Mr. L. in winding up the affairs of the bank, one trustee to represent Thamesville branch, and one Dresden. Mr. G. on the back of each of the layers. He expects | R. Gordon was elected in the interest of the

A PROPOSAL is now made to enlarge the grounds of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition by taking in the Garrison Common. At a meeting of the Exhibition Board yesterday, views favorable to the extension of the grounds were expressed, and the matter was left in the hands of a committee composed of the President, Capt. McMaster. Ald. Crocker, Messrs. Crocker and Elliot.

LAST year, up to the end of October, 163,485 immigrants arrived in Canada, of whom 97,530 settled here. This year, to same date, there have been 138 386 arrivals, and 80,510 of them are settlers. The Ottawa immigration returns show that there were 11,718 arrivals in Canada during last month, of whom 7,618 were settlers and 4,100 passengers going through Canada to the United States.

On the 8th instant, the first section of the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic railway, was formally opened for traffic. It is 46 miles in length, and the object of the road is to connect Minneapolis, the commercial centre of the American North-West, with Sault Ste. Marie, where a junction will be made with the trunk lines of railway in Canada centering at Montreal.

THE statement is made by the Montreal Gazette that the Canadian Pacific railway company has completed arrangements by which the loan of five million dollars obtained in New York last year for the purpose of providing security for the government guarantee, has been paid off. The ten millions of stock pledged to secure this loan has gone into the hand of investors, the result of the transactions being to relieve the company of a liability of five million dollars, and increase the amount of its outstanding stock from fifty-five to sixty-five millions.

THE Railway Freight Agents' Association of Canada met in Montreal on Wednesday. During the session the following questions were discussed :---What are the proper regulations under which stoves carried at owners' risk, and broken in transit, should be returned for repair. Charges for live stock, implements, etc., going to various agricultural fairs for exhi. also, extent ? to which passes bition : should be given to persons in charge of same; and what arrangements should be made for the carriage of live stock, implements, or other property going from one place to another, not returning direct from first point of exhibition to point of shipment. Necessity for certified declaration of weights and contents of freight in carloads loaded by shippers, over which railway companies' agents cannot exercise very strict supervision. Rates charged by express companies in proportion to regular tariff freight rates. Live stock carried in long and short cars. Passes issued to men in charge of live stock and perishable goods. Transportation of circusses. Classification of transportation of logs and square timber.

MR. JOSEPH KIDD, proprietor of the International salt works at Goderich, Ont, has started what is said to be one of the most capacious and complete dairy and table-salt works in Canada. The brine, before being made into salt is chemically purified. The salt is then carefully dried in a suitable warehouse, whence it is elevated into the third flat of the refinery, here it passes through a process which frees it from all coales. It is then put through a large cylinder, undergoing various changes, and comes out perfectly dry. It is then elevated to the second flat undergoing many changes, producing an article " unequalled in Canada, as the proprietor claims, for the table, butter, or cheese." The table salt is done up in the best of cotton bags, beautifully printed in various colors. Mr. Kidd professes to have overcome in this salt mill, what has been the deep study of Canadian and American

salt manufacturers for years, viz., the salt will not harden in the bag, in any temperature. It has undergone many tests and proven the success of the undertaking, the machinery for which has been obtained in Canada and the United States.

A GENERAL store keeper, at Evelyn, Henry Bray, has failed and his stock was to have been sold by auction to-day.---Jas. McArthur, a Toronto grocer, failed about a year ago on Church street. after which he moved to another stand and resumed under his mother's name. He is as far from success as ever, for he was sold out a few days ago and there is very little left for his creditors. Owing to dull trade and slow collections, H. Allemang, a dealer in books at Berlin, has been compelled to ask for an extension .----George Wineridge, an upholsterer in Hamilton, has disposed of the greater part of his stock-in-trade and is reported to have left that city; the bailiff is now in possession. --- A Sarnia druggist, C. J. Ellison, has assigned. It is said his father is a creditor for something like \$2,000.--L. Thorne, grocery and liquor merchant of Seaforth, has apparently devoted more of his time to the interests of the licensed victuallers in Scott Act contests, than to his business. His assignment is now announced.---Since J. W. Coleman, a Stayner druggist, was burned out in September last, matters have not gone smoothly with him. He is now unable to meet his liabilities and asks creditors to accept 331 cents on the dollar.-J. L. McKinnon failed as a grocer in Hastings, he then came to Toronto where, after a few months' experience, he repeated the operation. Another city grocer is in trouble. John Milligan in the western part of Toronto finds the bailiff in possession for rent. The business will likely be closed by creditors.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

By the retirement of Professor Buckland, Assistant Minister of Agriculture for this province, whose services in connection with that department have been long-continued and important, Mr. Archibald Blue, the well-known Secretary of the Bureau of Industries for Ontario becomes Assistant Minister. The appointment is a good one, for Mr. Blue has the requisite knowledge, and ability to use it well. We shall still hope, to see his hand in the publications of the Bureau, which he has done so much to establish.

The Council of Arts and Manufactures for the province of Quebec, listened, last week, urges upon the Federal Government " the desirability of making arrangements for a fitting display at New Orleans of the economic resources and industrial products of the Dominion of Canada, similar in character to those made at Philadelphia in 1876, and at Paris in 1878." At a meeting of business men held last week in Montreal to consider the same subject, it was resolved that it would be to the advantage of the Dominion that an exhibition of its economic resources and manufactures should be made. and the meeting "would be glad to see the government afford such encouragement as might be necessary to that object." The suggestion is made by the Quebec Chronicle that goods inmade by the Quebec Chronicle that goods in-tended for the exposition, which opens on 16th December next and continues till May, 1885, shall be forwarded by Government per Inter-colonial R. R. to Halifax, and then per Govern-ment steamer Newfield to New Orleans. We understand that the Government declines to externet the collection of explains the time being attempt the collection of exhibits, the time being insufficient ; but Col. Moorehoad, Commissioner, has expressed his willingness to extend the time two months, in consequence of the shortness of the rosice.

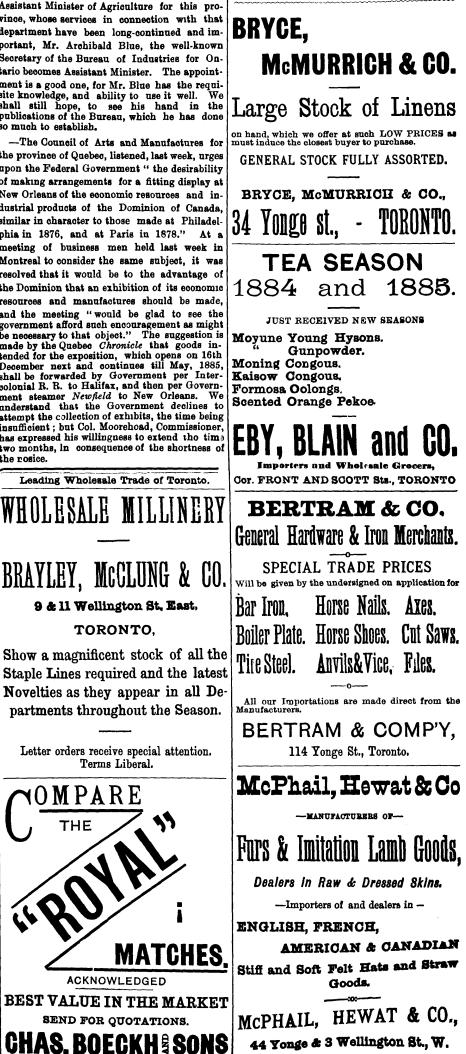
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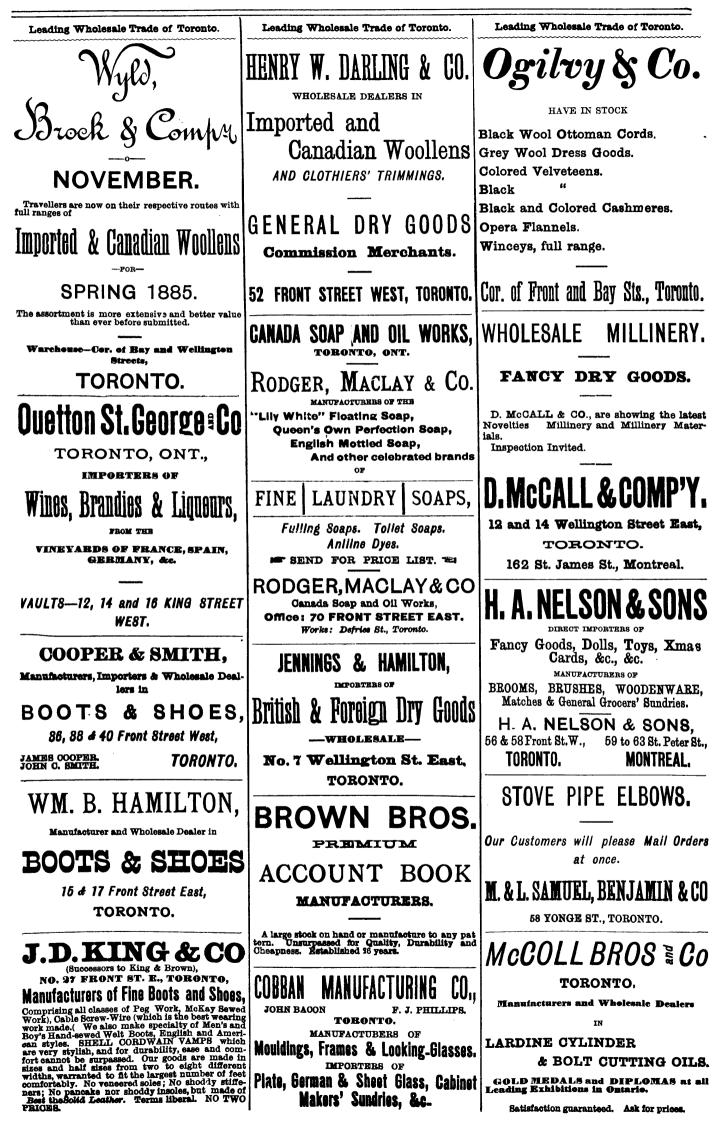
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IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

Ten years ago Mr. Blake let fall some words in favor of Imperial Federation ; and now Sir John Macdonald has made a declaration looking in the same direction. At the Lord Mayor's Banquet, on Monday night, he said "he was proud of the fact that Canada was no longer the cause of trouble and weakness to England. He looked forward to the time when some form of confederation would be brought about between England and Canada. If the great confederation should be made of England and all her colonies, he thought that any power which came into collision with England would be obliged to count on the resistance not of England alone, but of all her auxiliary kingdoms." This may mean much or little; but we cannot help thinking that the wish which Sir John expressed was not put in the happiest form. We have no more right to deduct from the words used than we should to add to them; and taken as they stand, they mean a great deal. They mean not only that the speaker desires to see a confederation of the British Empire; but that he expects the colonies in that confederation to play the part of kingdoms. A kingdom without a king is an impossibility : but the future of the colonies is not likely to be, as a rule, monarchical. Canada is a Republic in all but name ; and it is not probable that a scion of the house of Brunswick will ever be crowned king of Canada. The country is too democratic even to become royal in the sense of having a king for nominal ruler. Any attempt to establish a kingdom in Canada would put the Monroe doctrine to a practical test; and a successful attempt, by implying isolation, would prematurely decide a question which belongs not to the present as much as to the future; and it might have to receive its final decision through a process of revisal which might be attended with very great inconvenience.

If each colony is to fight England's battles, in all parts of the world, there will seldom be a time when any one of them can assure itself of six months' peace in advance. It was not wise to throw a challenge at the nations by telling them that if they quarrel with England they must fight, not her alone, but also a number of auxiliary kingdoms. Under this rule, a spark blown upon any one apot would light up a conflagration that in market, this year's promises to be close lem a hard one here.

would extend over the globe. In these days of extended commerce, the anomaly would be more than at any other time destructive and unwelcome.

Under the supposed new state of existence Canada, in addition to her present expenditure, would have her war budgets, and her coasts would be liable to be laid desolate by a score of enemies. England, it is true, is liable, in time of war, to be struck in any one of her dependencies ; but these dependencies are much less likely to feel the stroke of war than they would be if they regularly supplied contingents of men and appropriations of money towards the maintenance of the British army and navy. If Canada is to grow into a future nation, she must live her own life; an anciliary nationality instead of being self-contained, is subordinate, dependent, liable to be called upon to answer for the errors, the mistakes and the follies of another ; in the confederation proposed each member would be required to answer for the conduct of all the rest, and the prospect of continued security would diminish in precise proportion to the number of members scattered over the different parts of the globe. In the end, equality of representation would cause the rule of empire to pass from Westminster to Canada, Australia, and other outlying portions of the confederation. Is England prepared to accept for herself the future which this implies ?

THE OUTLOOK.

A sensible article in the last issue of the Winnipeg Commercial, by citing facts reproves the gloomy prophets who say that the coming winter will be the gloomiest in the history of Manitoba. That journal reminds its readers that a year ago a crop of grain which promised at one time to give an export surplus of 2,500,000 bushels of wheat, was coming to market in a frozen and badly damaged state, and selling on the average from 30c. to 60c. a bushel. "The estimated surplus for export dwindled down before the season was over to little more than half of the estimate formerly made. Merchants all over the North-West were burdened with heavy stocks of goods for which there was no sale, and no money in the possession of farmers to pay for. Outlying accounts of merchants had reached a state of inflation, and collections from their farmer customers was a matter impossible. Such was the prospect with which the North-West entered into the winter of 1883.4, and a tough pull the country had until spring set in."

Contrast this with the condition of things to-day: "Now, as we enter upon the winter of 1884-5 the country is literally burdened with an abundant crop of wheat. Estimates of the quantity available for export varied two months ago ranging between 4,000,000 and 6,000.000 bushels. It is now beyond doubt, that the higher of these two estimates is below the mark. The objection that wheat prices are low does not injure us in a comparison with last year, for on the average they are higher now than then, and will, owing mainly to the loss sustained by the frost, last year's crop did not average fifteen bushels an acre

upon twenty-five. "Furthermore, the progress made by the farmers of Manitoba in dairy and other products, enables them now to get supplies of such necessaries without importing. They beast that they can now produce their own beef, pork, butter and other things in abundance, while they have greatly lessened by home production our imports of eggs, cheese and other articles. In short, says the Commercial, our exports have increased amazingly, while our imports of articles of food have decreased in similar proportion. The stocks of merchants all over are light, and the liabilities of the mercantile class are but little over half what they were a year ago. "When we look at the comparison above it s difficult to see where the prospect of 'the hardest winter in the history of Manitoba' comes in. On the contrary the prospect at present is immeasurably better than it was in the fall of 1883 or even 1882."

Some people in Ontario, too, and in other eastern provinces would be the better of having their attention directed to favorable features of the situation. There is a great deal of apprehension and of croaking for which there is insufficient cause. We are told that this will be a bad winter for trade because, prices being so low, farmers will not market their grain and therefore will not pay their store bills. Whether the farmer hoards his grain or not will depend much upon the storekeeper with whom he trades. If the storekeeper is mealy-mouthed and afraid to issist on being paid, he will assist the farmer to speculate by holding wheat. But every farmer is not in debt to a country store, and we must not conclude that the farmer alone is responsible for the state of mind in which numerous country dealers have been for some weeks. Granted, that wheat is less in price, is the increased yield nothing? We have had instances quite lately which prove that neither farmer nor storekeeper realized the fact that a yield of 1,200 bushels off forty acres, bringing this year sixty-five cents per bushel, returns more money than last year's 600 bushels off the same forty acres, which brought a dollar per bushel. Then there is his barley, oats and peas, his root crops and dairy produce, he cannot complain of starvation prices for them. No; we decline to believe that the average farmer is badly off.

How about the storekeeper? He has not been paying well of late, in certain districts, we are told. That is probably true, but in other districts his payments have been exceedingly good ; and when cold weather and snow come to spur up his trade there is no reason this should not be a good winter. Country stocks are not excessive, as a rule. Some dealers are feeling badly over the fall of cotton and their being saddled with so many pieces or bales bought at the higher prices. Others are made ill by finding that sugar remained low so long, or that the stock of wool they have been carrying will not rise. These are conditions incidental to trade, any where and at any time. The abnormal state of the sugar and cotton markets has occasioned depression or loss all over the world during the present year ; and the unfortunate excess of spindles in the Dominion will make the cotton prob-

But, we repeat, retailers' stocks of all spectively, from domestic and foreign progoods are not heavy; careful buying has duce : been very general. Trade may seem slack, compared with the greater activity and volume of former years. So it is, however, in other countries. People are growing economical-some by compulsion, some through natural caution. Here, too we have had no cold weather to start woollens. When it comes people will want goods, not always such expensive ones as in 1881-2 and 3, but they will want warmth and value for their money.

That people are not everywhere feeling poor, however, is proved by the demand for good tweeds, good overcoatings and the like in their orders for fall suits from country tailors-by the prices paid for fur cloaks, caps, coats and sleigh-robes in increased quantity-by the proportion of "good goods" chosen of shoe dealers-by the request for better teas and first-class grocer. ies.

COMPETITION IN THE GROWTH OF WHEAT.

The Mark Lane Express, which may be taken as an authority, is of opinion that wheat at 30s. a quarter may not have reached its lowest figure. What is certain is that, even at this price, the crop is not being generally held back from market; both foreign and English producers, with some exceptions, are selling at what they can get. It would seem as if foreign markets were higher than the English price justifies, for English wheat is described as being "intrinsically cheaper than foreign." Nevertheless the low prices are beginning to tell in more than one direction. The quantity of wheat consumed is capable of expansion and contraction, and the cheapness is causing an increase of consumption for human food. In addition to this, inferior kinds of wheat are being fed to animals. And from India, if not from other countries, the low prices are causing exportation to diminish. In the first six months of this year, the wheat exports of India fell from 10,990,000 cwt. in the corresponding period of last year, to 5,960,000 cwt. The reason of the decline is not far to seek. The average yield of wheat, in India, according to the government estimate is only 91 bushels an acre, and it is obvious that the farmers, a majority of whom are in the clutches of the native usurers, to whom eighteen per cent. interest is often paid, cannot afford to sell wheat for exportation at the very low figures that have sometimes been quoted. Even when the crop has been grown, it is only sent forward in very reduced quantities to be sold at prices which have for some time past prevailed in England. These several effects the low price of wheat has already produced.

The Times estimates the consumption of the United Kingdom, during the year ending August 31, 1885, at 26,000,000 of quarters. This is about two millions of quarters more than the consumption of last year. The estimate allows for greater consumption for human food and for the feed of animals. The following figures show the progressive consumption of the United Kingdom and the proportions of the food that come, re-

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first nine years	12,278,000	9,548,000	21,826,000
ended 1883-84	9,182,000	15,613,000	24,795,000
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According to these figures, there has been an acreage decrease in the production of British wheat, and the deficiency has had to be supplied by foreign grown. The increase in the British demand may be expected to continue, though some estimates of the prospective increase of population are undoubtedly excessive. Past ratios of the increase of the population of a country cannot be relied upon. The best proof of this is that the United States at one time showed a rate of increase which would, if continued, have covered the whole terraqueous globe with a population of four human beings to the square yard, in less than seven hundred How long England will mainyears. tain at its present height her manufacturing supremacy is a question. If it depended on herself, the problem would be much simplified, but she has no control over the hostile tariffs of other countries. Still there is very little doubt that her population will continue to increase, and with it the food supplies which she will require from other countries. The area under wheat in the United Kingdom, has decreased since 1869, from nearly 4,000,000 acres to 2,750,. 000 acres. This would seem to leave room for a possible revival of wheat production there, but it is not likely to take place except under a great increase of price.

In India, the yield of 1884 is said to be above the average, and it is believed that there are considerable stocks of last year's crop still on hand, which the low price in the English market has prevented from going forward. This is in accordance with the official estimates. But the question remains, will this surplus be exported, or will it and a corresponding portion of the present year's crop be withheld from exportation and otherwise employed ? The practical answer to this question, will do much to give us the measure of the India competition, and so far as it has been answered by withholding one half of last year's crop from exportation, the facts imply that India cannot, under existing conditions, continue to grow increasing quantities of wheat for exportation. at the present price. But the soundness of this conclusion depends entirely upon the reliability of the government estimate. If that estimate of the surplus should be wrong, and if the falling off in exportation should be due to a decrease in production, proof that India cannot grow for exportation as much wheat as she exported last year, at

present prices would be wanting. The presumption, however, is in favor of the correctness of the government estimate; and on the assumption that it is substantially correct, we may take the measure of possible competition of India, as a wheat exporting country, under the actual conditions of its culture. These conditions, no doubt, may undergo some modification by the extension of railways and the bringing of new lands under cultivation. But unless British cap-ital be introduced, in the form of mortgage loans, which strange to say it has not yet been, it is doubtful whether the India farmer can pay the native usurer's rate of interest, and make enormous strides in producing wheat for exportation, even on new landa

The average acreage production of wheat in the United States is about three bushels an acre more than is grown in India, and that average, under the present system of culture, is likely to decline. Some of the best wheat lands in the United States, have been scourged into sterility. Of this degenerating process, the Genessee Valley offers a conspicuous example. When the rich lands of that valley were first thrown open to cultivation, they produced wheat which, in quantity and quality, no part of the union has ever surpassed. To-day these same lands will scarcely grow wheat at all. The same process is going on in other parts of the country, and it is only a question of time when it will produce the same result there. When the unstimulated virgin resources of the soil have been exhausted, farming in a new way and under new conditions will commence. The same thing will happen in Canada; first in the old and then in the new provinces. It has already happened in the Province of Quebec. where in the first year of the century, there was produced a surplus of a million of bushels ; it is happening in the older parts of Ontario, where, however, new methods may be employed to prevent its becoming general, and finally the blight of the same exhausting system will extend to the Canadian North West. But in the meantime, an enormous surplus will be grown there ; the average will be high when it is getting low on the earlier cultivated lands of the Western States, and the Canadian surplus is likely one day to be greater than that of the United States. By India, with its average of nine bushels and a half, and the exorbitant rates of interest India farmers have to pay, our North West farmers, we think we may conclude, are not in any serious danger of being pushed to the wall.

TORONTO INPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The inwards and outwards trade of the port of Toronto, as shown by the customs, returns, was not far from two millions of dollars, \$1,901,804. Of this aggregate, \$1,457,702 consisted of imports, and \$444,-102 of exports. Dutiable goods amounted \$1,120,759, on which the duty collected was \$259.098, at the rate of over 23 per cent. The total imports were \$65,000 more than same month last year, and \$30,000 less than October, 1882. Reduced import of cuttons, silks, and fancy goods is shown, but the increase in woollen imports brings the total

of dry goods above that of a year ago. The items of coal and iron show diminished amounts, but nearly all the remaining articles in this list show an increase. We compare the imports of principal articles with those ().t.b.m

of the previous October		
ARTICLES.	Oct. '84.	Oct. '83.
Cotton goods	\$ 72,540	\$ 78,427
Fancy goods	26,531	32,897
Hats and Bonnets	13,351	13,126
Silk goods	30,997	35,503
Woollen goods	161,906	124,272
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Dry goods—total	305,325	\$284.225
Books	\$ 71,469	\$ 67,607
Coal		144,241
Glass and glassware	19,799	21,039
Jewellery	30,471	29,566
Leather goods Paper " Wood "	42,565	30,777
Paper ""	38,879	35,761
Wood "	14.803	11,399
Iron, and manufactures	122,682	168,288
Fruits		48,958
Spirits and wines		10,234
Tea, from U.S		10,082
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The cause of the increased exports is to be found in the item of agricultural products, which are four times those of October, 1883, occasioned by the quantity of barley shipped last month (492,174 bushels against 110,273). Animals, on the other hand, show a diminished export, \$55,000 against \$130,000. Forest products are less, but manufactures more, in value. The shipments under the different heads are as under :

EXPORTS. The Forest		Oct. '83. \$ 70.036
Minerals, &c Agricultural products	55.096 320,203	$\frac{130\ 007}{84.786}$
Manufactures	18,225	17,681
Miscellaneous	1,160	531

Total...... \$439,939 \$303,041 Manufactured goods consisted, in order of value given, of books, spirits, carriages, cottons and woollens, wood goods, machinery and leather. The figures, we should have said, are taken from the Board of Trade returns.

CO-INSURANCE.

[COMMUNICATED].

Whatever affects the prospects or threatens the stability of so important an institution as fire insurance, is worthy the attention of the mercantile community. Fire losses have of late years, on this continent, been so heavy as to drive a number of companies out of the business. It is contended for the companies that present rates are too low to yield the security demanded by capitalists who invest in insurance shares; while on the other hand insurers contend that rates are as high as they can afford to pay. The companies cannot be said to be a unit on the point of increased rates, for the competition produces some, here and there, which operate at low rates and so give rise to the notion, among insurers, that there is no real need for advancing prices. However, the complaint is made that the business of fire underwriting, in the United States and Canada, is no longer on a profitable basis. It becomes a fair question, then, what is required to re-adjust it?

The principle of co-insurance has been recently put forward, in Canada as well as in the United States, as a principle the adoption of which would operate more the rate of interest and of return upon favorably towards the fire insurance interest, capital invested in commercial enter-

and at the same time equitably towards the trading class which is the underwriters' best customer.

Co-insurance, as it is proposed to be applied, means that any person or firm obtaining insurance from an underwriter, becomes a co-insurer with that underwriter for the margin of value upon his property which exceeds the sum that he has paid the underwriter for covering.

It has been contended with some force that our insurance companies suffer less from over-insurance than from partial insurance. The latter is common, the former is rare. In partial insurance, the companies receive only a part of the premium proper to a risk, that is, only part of what would be paid them if the full value of the risk were covered; but for all that when a fire takes place, occasioning usually a partial loss of the property covered, it often proves a total loss to the company affected. Thus, partial insurance serves to deprive the company of the full amount of premium, and yet imposes on it the full amount of iloss.

For example, John Jones insures in the Atlantean Assurance Company for \$5,000 property which is worth \$10,000. The property is damaged to the extent of \$5,000, which is only a partial loss, whereas, had Jones insured another \$5,000 with another company, the Pacific, say, then each company would lose only \$2,500, while Jones would have been re-imbursed all the same. As one writer puts it : " The operation of "this practice, partial insurance, tends to "deprive the companies of the financial "strength derived from adequate premium, needed to fortify them against losses and reverses. And it throws upon them a greater preponderance of loss than they "are paid for sustaining-thus subverting "the average upon which the business of "legitimate fire underwriting is founded."

The view of an insurance adjuster is that (W. F. Fox, before N. W. U. A. at Chicago) "with partial property loss, under full insurance, the conditions of value and insurance being equal, property and insurance losses and salvages are equal. But under partial insurance, the conditions being unequal, the losses and salvages are unequal, and insurance loss increases in proportion to the inequality existing."

What is proposed as a remedy for disproportionate or inadequate rates is co-insurance by the insured, who contribute to a loss in proportion to the excess of value over insurance.

This co-insurance is co-existent with the system of underwriting, having its origin in the early practice of marine insurance, from which the fire branch sprang.

Its application in fire insurance was in the practice of average in marine. But in marine insurance the condition was and is universal, while in fire it has never been universal, but is confined to contribution between companies, except by special agreement with th insured, whereas, good authorities now contend, it should have been retained as to both.

As to an increase of rate, all round, it is not easy to see how that can be effected, in view of the downward tendency of

prises. Indeed, in view of the low average profits on ordinary trading or industrial pursuits to-day, the percentage charged for insurance is high and cannot well be increased. Hence, if present rates of premium are inadequate, and yet are as high as modern business will warrant, the feasible way to effect an increase is by the indirect way of co-insurance, which should restore equilibrium and bring underwriting up to a paying point. Thus, the required amount of direct insurance is obtained at the minimum of cost to the trader, who prefers to carry a part of the risk rather than pay an increased rate. The company, too, gets the benefit of co-insurance in the event of loss, by contribution and increased salvage.

Besides, the moral hazard, which is an element of danger affecting risks fully insured, would be removed by co-insurance, except when rendered inoperative by full insurance; for with less than full insurance any loss sustained would be borne proportionately by the trader, which would eliminate moral hazard.

It would appear, from a careful survey of the question, that the buyers of fire insurance have for years had "the long end of the stick," and the sellers of it have been at a disadvantage. The insuring public has been-through the fault of the companieswrongly educated through the omission to enforce so salutary a rule. The absence of the co-insurance rule in the fire contract, as it is in marine, is a weakness. It should long since have received attention from fire underwriters.

JAMAICA.

The first essay at Jamaica annexation has had an unexpected and somewhat ludicrous ending. Mr. Solomon, who appeared as the special advocate of annexation, first at the colonial office and then at Ottawa, and when he went back to Jamaica and brought the question before the council, he was the only one to vote for it. "A similar proposition," Mr. Solomon said, "had been made by British Guinea. Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands." The council of the Leeward Islands, it seems, confirmed a resolution on the subject which West India proprietors in England has passed ; and Mr. Berkeley, Solicitor-General for these islands has proposed that, in any arrangement with Jamaica, hey should be included. The Leeward Islands produce twenty-five per cent. more sugar than Jamaica; and as they are anxious to annex, the West India question can scarcely be said to be settled by the action of the Jamaica Council. In what way Barbadoes and British Guinea have committed themselves was not stated. The Board of Trade of Georgetown, Demerara, has intimated a desire for some commercial arrangement with Canada, but has made no hints about political connection. It is probable notwithstanding the action of the Jamaica Council, that we are destined to hear more about West India annexation. Mr. Solomon stated that there were only 190 sugar plantations in Jamaica, now being worked; and he seemed to think there was some danger that the cultivation of these would have to be abandoned. It cannot be said, however, that he made out a strong

C880. One of the speakers in opposition, Mr. Farquharson, questioned whether the prosperity of Jamaica was dependent on the sugar estates. Only five per cent. of the population of Jamaica, it seems, work on the estates; but this means a great deal less than it would if it could be shown that the negroes continuously work anywhere. He admitted that the question of annexation might hereafter come up in a practical shape ; but he thought there ought to be no annexation so long as even a small majority was opposed to it. The Hon. Wm Malabre observed no measure in his opposition. He betrayed some fear of the voting population, which means that, in his opinion, annexation is unpopular. The Canadian government, the colonial office consenting, was willing to entertain the question of a political union. and failing that, a proposal for reciprocity. Annexation being rejected by the island by which Mr. Solomon had produced the impression it was to be proposed, there remains now the commercial question. But before this is considered, it will be in order to hear what other parts of the West Indies have to propose, since it would be more convenient to deal with a general cheme than to take up the subject piecemeal.

A WORD WITH THE COUNTRY DEALER.

We make no apology for calling to the memory of the retail store-keeper certain matters which, if he attends to them now, may make a great difference in his balance sheet when the New Year comes :-

Are you a holder of grain, of wool, of butter, of furs ? and are you asking Montreal or Toronto importers for time on your notes until you can sell this produce at a profit ? If you are, would it not be better to realize upon it now, and so ease your account?

Are you temp'ed by some genial commercial traveller to give him an order this week for a line of cottons on which seven months' time may be had ? If so, would it not be wiser to refuse to speculate on future prices? Better stick, we should think, to four months' terms and buy what you need, only.

Have you many outstanding accouns? If you have, let nothing delay your making them out and pressing for payment. It is desirable at the time of low prices for many staples to have cash in hand so that you may buy to the best advantage when you see prices begin to rise.

Are your expenses too large in proportion to the businesss you do ? Do rent, taxes. fuel, light, clerk-hire, and family outlay exceed the profit you make on your annual turn-over? If they do, you may tairly begin to ask whether, as a merchant, your usefulness is not gone.

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Do you know how much stock you have in your store ? Are there not dark corners, neglected drawers, dusty shelves, whose contents your clerks know little of and yourself nothing ? Ah ! the live store-keeper is the one who has the fewest old, fusty, tossed and neglected goods. Better get rid of such stuff at one third of its cost than deceive yourself swelling your stock sheet with it, West India sugar planters. The British year after year.

Are you arranging for stock taking at the end of the year ? Be sure you don't take it in at prices beyond its value. Are you insured ?

Do you keep a record of your notes? Do you check your invoices ? Do you keep an order book ? Are you trying to sell for cash ? Is there any fire protection in your place?

Mr. Chas. Levy, in a letter to the Halifax Morning Chronicle, "that flour and other Canadian products are unsuited to a tropical climate. This conjuncture is undeserving of serious consideration and calls for little anxiety. There was a time, not so long ago, when all requirements were imported from Great Britain. At the outset of America entering into competition for the supply of West India markets, her flour and meal hardened or soured on the voyage. Butter and lard became rancid, and candles melted together or bent with exposure. With care and experience all obstacles were overcome, and after a few years the struggle terminated in her undisputed and undisturbed possession. Quali y invariably follows demand, and, in the case of Canada, obstacles, if any, are reduced to a minimum, for should change or improvement be needed, producers are spared the difficulty of finding new inventions-they have only to adopt the existing ones of their neighbors."

-Though settlers in the North West, as well as farmers elsewhere, are disappointed that the price of wheat and other kinds of grain continues low, yet they may certainly take comfort in the reflection that the purchasing power of money is greater than it has ever yet been amongst them. The Emerson International mentions that "owing to the sharp competition among our merchants, many classes of goods are quite as cheap as they can be bought anywhere." In proof of this contention, it states that "coal oil is down to 20 cents per gallon and sixteen pounds of sugar can be bought for one dollar.

-Our Manitoba exchanges show that wheat now brings 60 to 65 c nts per bushel in Winnipeg for "No. 1 hard"; oats 35 to 40 cents. At Emerson, buyers report wheat coming in pretty lively at 56 cents, and oats 30 cents, per bushel whereupon the International observes : "Wheat is only 45 cents per bushel at Pembina. Oats 20 cents. We don't hear any allusions this year by Manitoba 'kickers' and grumblers to the superiority of Dakota over Manitoba as a field for immigration. Things have changed." To those not quite familiar with the geography of the locality in question we may explain that, though Emerson and Pembina are only three miles apart, the international boundary line intervenes, together with the Canadian tariff imposing a 15 ct. duty on wheat and 10 ct. on oats.

-An attempt is to be made to negotiate a

dition that any revenue which such a treaty would sacrifice should be made good by the sugar interest. Two gentlemen, representing in some way the West Indies, have gone to Washington to assist the British Minister in the negotiation. Jamaica is not likely to ask to be included ; her sugar interest is comparatively so small that it could not bear the strain of the new taxes ; with Demerara, Trinidad, and Barbadoes, where the vast majority of the population is interested in the production of sugar, it is different, and they would be able to accept the conditions which the British Government attaches to the prospective treaty.

FOREST AREAS AND FUTURE TIM. BER SUPPLIES.

Dr. Lyons, M. P of the British House, has been engaged, through the agency of the Foreign Office, for the last couple of years, in making extensive inquiries as to the forest areas and probable future timber supplies in Europe and America. The Colonial Office, it appears, has also placed its resources at his disposal, but an impor-tant part of the ques ion, viz., the actual extent of the timber supplies available in the Dominion of Canada, has yet to be ascertained. These inquiries are being prosecuted by the direction of the Viceroy and Council, and it is expected that by an early da e complete returns will be available to throw full light on this the only as yet unsettled portion of this vast question. The following table, says Dr. Lyon, gives

the most recent returns as to the areas, in statute acres, of the principal countries of Europe and the areas occupied by woods and forests. A summary for America is also appended from the most recent returns of the United States Department of Agriculture :

WOODS AND FORESTS IN EUROPE AND

A	MERICA.	
	Area in sta	Woods and
	tute acres.	forests acres.
Russia in Europe.	1,244,367,351	527,426,510
Norway	76,716,965	
Sweden	100,514,956	42,365,938
Denmark	8,573,396	398,877
Germany	133,075,923	34,181,974
Holland	8,009,328	532,714
Belgium	7,280,362	1,073,452
France	30,557,281	22,687,716
Italy	73,191,882	9,031,310
Austria Proper	69,388,482	23,280,412
Hungary		
Woods and Form		,
In grazing counti		
Corn counties		704 146
England)	(1.466.038
Scotland (say)	Total area	750,000
Lealer d (sey)	`` 77,000,000	100,000

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In an instructive Blue Book, "Commer-al No. 31 (1884)," will be found the reports cial No. 31 (1884), of Her Majesty's representatives abroad on the cultivation of woods and forests in the countries in which they reside, and to this I have added a precis of the reports of forests issued by the United States Dejartment of Agriculture.

The summary of the forest areas of the different countries of Europe is somewhat variously estimated. It probably reaches the total area of between 700,000,000 and 800,000,000 acres, of which Russia alone presents some 500,000,000 acres. No absolute accuracy can be expected in such summary statements, as large areas of forest remain to be ascertained by close survey

It is to be remarked that with regard even to those countries in which forest conservancy has been longest and most carefully carried -An attempt is to be made to negotiate a treaty at Washington in favor of the British West India sugar planters. The British Government attaches to its consent the conannual domestic supply of forest timber is estimated at 36,000,000 steres, while the annual consumption is 55,000,000 stores, thus necessitating an annual import of 19-000,000 to make good the national deficiency. Russ: a with apparently inexhaustible stores of forest, feels the necessity of still further increasing her national wealth in this respect, and extensive reafforesting operations are being carried out in the great Steppe country.

In Russia up to the 1st of January, 1882, something under eleven million dessisatines (2.69 acres), or only 8 per cent., were under properly regulated forest control. Half a million dessisatines more had been taken in hand, but were not in full working order. At the present day, in order to meet the requirements in the different provinces or governments of Russia, it is necessary to cut down annually about 1,200,000 dessisatines of forest for firewood, giving about 31,000,-000 cubic fathoms of timber for this purpose. Steamers burn annually nearly 1,000,000 cubic fathoms, and the railways consume a very large, but not well-ascertained amount. Timber is largely used in Russia in house construction. Out of 1,820,000 inhabited houses in eight central governments only 74,000 are built with stone and mortar, and in the governments of Moscow, Iver, Yaroslav, Kostroma. Nijni Novgorod Vladimir, out of 1,400,000, only 6,800 are built of stone or mortar. How frequently these wooden houses have to be renewed is toler-ably well shown, says Mr. Herbert, by the saying that Russia is burnt down every seven Forest fires must also be taken into consideration, by which timber is said to be destroyed of an aver ge estimated value of

£10,000,000 yearly. Vague and general expectations are enter-tained as to the unlimited supplies to be derived from Russia. The sum of Mr. Her bert's industrious labours appears to be that, after all Russia's own demands, the wants of the other countries of Europe can hardly be supplied by her to much larger extent in the near future than at present when (in 1880) she exported 34,000,000 rouble, sworth, but imported herself nearly 10,000,000 roubles' worth.

Upon Norway and Sweden Europe has been long accustomed to rely for apparently inexhaustible supplies ; but a critical examination of the Foreign Office reports will be found not to sustain this expectation. Taking the report of the Director of Forests for the period between January, 1875, and the 30th June, 1880, we find that the total area of the public and semi-public forests would amount to 9,932,115 maal (equal to 76 64 Norwegian square miles of forest land, or 977,618 hektar, equal to 9.776 18 square kilometres). If, says M. Michell, the total kilometres). area of forest land in the kingdom of Norway be estimated at about 612 Norwegian square miles, equal to 78 06 square kilom, the public and semi-public forests must repre-sent about 12 52 per cent. of the forests. But in the State forests and State common forest lands are included many square miles of nartly middling birchwood, while as regards the pine forests a quantity not much smaller may perhaps be considered as mountain-wood of small and thin growth, rendering small profits in relation to their large area.

With regard to Sweden the total forest area may be seen from the following figures : Total area of mainland and Islands of Sweden, 40,667,350 hectares public forests, 5,745.783 hectares; areal percentage of private forests, 16,1 hectares; private forests, 30,025,990 hectares; areal percentage of private forests, 8310 hectares. The percentage of private forests is immensely The greater than those of the Government, but unfortunately there are no means of obtaining reliable information respecting them, "but what there is," says Mr. Greville, in his report to Lord Granville, "all tends to show that fifteen years will see their supplies very materially reduced."

The forest lands of Austria are of great

and the unproductive only 65 of the total area. The forests of Austria are of the actual extent of 64,467 square kilometres, or 31.5 per cent. of the total. The forests of Hungary are 92,742 square kilometres, being The grand totals for the em-28.8 per cent pire and monarchy are 186,209 square kilos. or 30.1 per cent. of the whole. The produc-tive areas of the whole thus sums up 583,327 equore kilos., with 38,679 unproductive, or 93 8 and 6 2 per cent. respectively. Austrian industries hold a deservedly high place, and amongst them those connected with wood.

Heavy waggons, street carts, and railway waggons are extensive industries in timber. The chief shipbuilding yards are at Trieste and Pola. Furniture goods in timber occupy large numbers of persons, and carvers' work is extensively carried on amongst the mountain populations in their homes. Germany takes forty million meter centners of Austro-Hungarian wood, coal, and turf, unfor-tunately all grouped together. Russia, Roumania, and Italy take from two to three millions centners each, similarly grouped, while exported wood also finds its way to Servia and Switzerland. The total wood export now reaches the large figure of 20,500,-000 centners annually.

(To be continued.)

THE SILK INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

A recent article in an American journal, the Dry Goods Bulletin, objects to the kind of information given by European newspapers as to the condition of the silk industry in the United States. One of their statements is, it appears, that France is not able to supply the American market-it might be concluded that the French silk manufacturers have so many orders from America that they cannot fill them; while in reality the French, German and Swiss manufacturers are loudly complaining of the almost total absence of orders from the United States and consequent stagnation in the silk trade. The American silk manufacturers, with few exceptions, are also complaining of the depression.

Last year, it appears, the production of American silk amounted in value to \$14,000,000, and since January 1st, 1884, the production has been greatly restricted and will hardly over reach that of 1883. The consequences of the restriction are severely felt in all of the large silk-producing points, especially in Paterson, N. J., where, it is said, about 5,000 silk operatives are idle. The predominance of velvet, velveteens and plushes f r ladies' dresses in place of silk, and the tendency of fashion toward the English lustrous goods, as sik warp Henristtas, have to a large extent interfered with the production of American dress silks. Ribbons, which in prior years formed a large part of the American silk manufacture, are only produced in limited quantities, most of the mills now working only three quarter time. According to the Bulletin the United States consume proportionately a greater amount of silks than any other country (Chins, perhaps excepted). The amount may be estimated at \$110,00),000, including the duty of 50 per cent. on the true value of imported goods, of which \$65,000,000 represents the foreign and \$45,000,000 the American production.

The subjoined figures are intended to enable the European trade papers to form an idea of the expansion of the silk industry in the United States. There are at present 447 silk manufacturers in this country, including those engaged in throwing and weaving, of which number 173 are in New York (city and State), 120 in New extent and importance. The productive Jersey, 67 in Pennsylvania, 36 in Connecticut, The western rail mills are picking up a little area of Austria is 93.5 per cent. of the whole, 38 in Massachusetts, 9 in California, 6 in Illinois, work for near by delivery, and are now negotiat-

5 in Maryland, 4 in Ohio, 2 in Utah, 1 in Delaware, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island each. The largest weaving establishments are at Manchester, Conn., in New York city, West Hoboken and Paterson, N.J. There are 131 mills producing dress goods, satins, handkerchiefs and ribbons ; the remainder manufacture sewing silks, machine twists, dress and cloak trimmings. Sewings and twist mills are found principally in the New England States ; trimming manufacturers are mostly located in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and other large cities.

As stated above, the imports for 1884 largely exceed those of 1883, and, consequently, the situation of the American silk industry is not very brilliant, owing to the excessive use of velvet.

Why with 477 mills in the United States the raw material is not produced here is the question asked by foreigners. Many attempts have been and are still being made to raise silk, but the product is invariably so high in cost that no manufacturer could entertain the thought of using American raw silk. The almost total lack of experienced hands, the high cost of labor and the duty on imported reeling machinery swell the cost price, and if, as the silk culturists imagine, \$9 should be realized for American silk, such a price for raw material would put an end to the industry in this country. What influence the free distribution of eggs by the Government will have remains to be seen.

The Paris correspondent of the London Economist says: The exports from the Lyons district to the United States have fallen off considerably in the last two years. The consignments of silk and velvet piece goods, which amounted to 43,555,109f. in the first nine months of 1882, were only 36,627,328f. in the same period of 1883, and 31,300,882f. in 1884.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIA-TION.

A meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association was held on Saturday last, 8th inst., in their rooms on St. John street, Montreal. The object of the meeting was to elect the officers and committee for the year ensuing. There was a vero large attendance, the retiring president, Mr. Geo. Sumner. of Hodgen, Sumner & Co., occupied the chair. A strong effort was made by the officers and members to prevail upon that gentleman to accept the presidency for the third time, but he positively declined. The election of the officers was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous choice of Mr. George Boulter, of Messrs. Silverman, Boulter & Co., as president; Mr. R. B. Hutchinson, of Messrs. Mills & Hutchison, vice-president ; Mr. Alex. Gowdey, anotioneer, as treasurer. The following gentleman ware elected directors : Messrs. J. M. Pollock, J. Hague, J. Piche, H. Harris, C. E. A. Patterson, J. Croil, W. Percival, E. C. Beach, D. Murray, Jao. Taylor, Ed. Coote, C. K. Adams, and F. Newman. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the association on the 13th of December next, and the annual dinner on the 23rd December at the Windsor Hotel.

-The iron trade everywhere, says the Ratiway Review, is in a most depressed condition. el ralla, It is necessary, however, to except ste which properly belong to the iron trade. The Pennsylvania makers have been fortunate in securing a winter's business, and will probably be just as fortunate in securing business next spring, to carry them over into the summer. The western rail mills are picking up a little

ing for two or three large contracts, for delivery west of the Mississippi. Railway builders do not want to be caught with an upward tendency of prices, and they have an immense amount of projected work in view, of which a large mileage will be built next year. The pig iron industry is very much depressed. The bar mills are working about one-half time. Nail factories and sheet mils are doing a little better. There is a large amount of disemployment in New York and through the state. Word comes from Philadelphia that the looms of that textile manufacturing city are largely idle and that an unprecedented sluggishness exists there, in several branches of industry. A similar state of things exists in the interior of Pennsylvania and Ohio, though in many cases, the disemployment is trifling. Very little more than half the usual quantity of iron is being made. The makers of steel are suffering less. The manufacturers of hardware are working almost as much as last year. The figures of the anthracite coal production show that the decrease this year is 1,786,803 tons, as compared to last year, and the total production so far, is 23,780,282 tons. There will be an additional two weeks' suspension next month, which will make this year's deficiency about 2,500,000 tons. On the contrary the bituminous shipments to eastern markets from Penneylvania and Maryland show about 1,000,000 tons increase.

Word comes from New England of the increasing disemployment of labor, the idling of more machinery, and the bitterness of competition among manufacture's and jobbers, who are anxious to move accumulated stocks of goods at bare cost, in order to prepare the way for an increased production after a while.

-The statement of the Bank of Montreal for the half year ending 31st ult., was issued on Taesday. An increase in circulation and a decrease in deposits are shown. The prefits of the half year, \$663,000, added to the balance of profit and loss, show a balance of \$369,000 after navment of dividend, which is a smaller balance than at at the same time last year. The earnings were \$30,000 less. There is a decrease in loans and discounts, while "over due debte secured " show an increase of \$50,359; and over due debts unsecured an increase of \$47,974. The amount held in specie and Dominion notes is increased by \$1,300,000. Following are some principal items :

	
LIABILITIES.	ł
Oct. 1883. Oct. 1884	
Circulation\$ 6,352,508 \$ 7,031,258	
Deposits without inter-	
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Deposits bearing inter-	
est 13,234,192 12,489,000	
ASSETS.	
Loans and discounts\$29,748,049 \$28,591,642	
Overdue debts secured 181,431 231,487	
Overdue debts not se-	
oured 257,816 305,790	
Gold and coin 2,101,246 2,829,000	l.
Government demand	ľ
notes 2,364,346 3,580,000	

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-The last issue of the Iron Trade Review contained a very circumstantial paragraph about earth oil, to be obtained galore on the Canadian side of the Detroit river. Here is the pleasing story :

"Cleveland capital is interested in the develop. ment of an oil belt in Canada near Windeor, op-posite Detroit. The product is a heavy oil, almost of the gravity of the famous lubricating oils of Mecca, O., but not so pure. From the present stage of development, the supply is more than sufficient to meet the demand in Canada. Recently a contract was entered into with the city of Chicago for 50,000 barrels, to be burned under the boilers of the water works. The refuse oil is burned—gravity 22, made hot. It is per-fectly liquid. The light oil—gravity 54—is sold to make gas for lighting Toronto and other cities; for stove burning; and is also used like the refuse, either alone or mixed with refuse for boilers, stills etc. There is plenty of each kind, and at 40 to 50 cents per barrel. Canada has no coal," &c., &c.

Having duly rubbed our eyes and read this twice, though satisfied that it was too good to be true, we deemed it best, like Davy Crockett, to "be sure you're right and then go ahead." So upon writing to Windsor to ascertain about its correctness, we get the following reply : "Enclosed article from Cleveland is a total mistake so far as Windsor or Essex county is concerned. Only wish it was true." As to the statement of the Review that Canada has no coal, at least three of our provinces can furnish a contradiction of that.

-A royal commission has been petitioned for by a number of prominent citizens of Winnipeg, asking for an enquiry to be made into the financial affairs of that city during the years 1882. 1883, and 1884. The report of the city auditor, Mr. Osborne, for 1884 has been presented. It does not contain many new developments of importance, but is rather a confirmation of the irregularities which have already been reported. " There are still," says the Sun, " many matters in connection with the sinking fund loans and other transactions which require elucidation."

-Old Country people are getting cheap sugar, these days; granulated, we are told, can be bought at retail in England for two pence halfpenny the pound. This is probably made in New York, for the English seemingly do not make granulated. The present price in New York, 61 cents, with a draw-back for export of 3.46 cents might easily enable an ocean fright to be paid and sale made in Britain at two pence.

-The proposal has been made that apples hall be put up, for shipment abroad, in packages smaller than barrels, say pails. A subcriber desires the suggestion to be made that it is a desirable thing to pack flour, for trans-Atlantic shipment, in smaller wooden packages than the present 196 pound barrels, and thus convenience the old-countryman of small means.

-A SHORT TARIFF HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, by David H. Mason, of Chicago, goes over the subject since the foundation of the American Government. The view it presents is the protectionists' view. Any one anxious to read that kind of literature can obtain the book from the author at the cost of \$1.

At the last meeting of the cotton overseers at Fall River, Mr. John Butterworth, a well known English spinner, made an address on the differences between American and English processes. His visit is for the purpose of examining American machinery and methods, with special reference to ring spinning. Mr. Butterworth thought American machinery inferior to English, and he said this without any prejudice basing his opinion upon the finished work. He did not think it advisable to spin filling on ring frames. For some classes of goods it made no difference, but the ring frames would not spin all kinds of yarn, as could the mule. He spoke of the way in which the Bradford "merinos" went out of existence. The Bradford yarn was made on a " cat frame," a machine similar to a flyer throstle without a fly. The goods, which the British Government had thought them as out of the market by the French Merinos, they have been doing since 1793 to the present which would not crease. The peculiarity of the time. During that time there have been 27

French goods was due to the fact that no twist was put in the yarn until the last process. Mr. Butterworth did not think the fact that cloth from frame yarn and mule yarn could not be distinguished by casual observation, was proof that ring-frame yarn was equal to that from mules. He thought if American manufacturers discarded mules for frames, they would be wondering ten years hence how it was that their cloth was inferior to that of English make. Mr. Butterworth thought the help in England were as well off as here. He spoke of the value of the English co-operative societies, and explained their workings. The English mills made an average of ten per cent. a year. American mills used better material, and he did not think they reached as good results .- N. Y. Bulletin.

Correspondence.

LIFE ASSURANCE CHART

To the Editor of the Monetary Times :

SIB,-I have to thank you very kindly for the corrections which appeared in your last week's reissue of your Life Assurance Chart. It seems, however, that you still misapprehend our position as to the death rate. It is but reasonstill misapprehend our able therefore, to conclude that your readers may need an explanation. May I therefore ask may need an explanation. May I therefore ask you to kindly give this letter a place in your next iesue.

The difficulty arises from a slight inattention on your part to the statements or data furnished in the blue book. Thus at page 255 the death loss—home and foreign—for the year, including bonus additions, is stated as \$51.903.34 Of this sum the foreign death loss is quoted at page 256 as \$7,608.49, thus leaving \$44,294 85 as the Canadian death loss for the year.

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Or by leaving out the cents...... 50,334 00 As you will observe. Mr. Cherriman is in the habit of including life and endowments in that column, as it is not the death rate but the claim rate he would use it for. You on the other hand erred in not discriminating between the native and foreign claims, and possibly in not discriminating between the claim rate and the death rate, as your column is headed "death loss per \$1,000."

Your remarks discrediting the use of the column "expenses per \$100 of income " are quite in order so far as they go, and in reading them I fully expected to find it omitted alto-gether from your reissue. For not only is the renter from your release. For not only is the "cost of collecting interest many times less than that of collecting premiums" but a vastly greater difference obtains between the cost of collecting *new* and *renewal* premiums. The effect of which is that the "expenses per \$100 of income" is correspondingly less in a large and old company than is possible in a younger and smaller one.

Yours truly, R. MACAULAY,

Man. Dir. Sun Life Assurance Co.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times . SIR,-A few years ago I cut from an English

newspaper the following paragraph : Four thousand (4 000) paupers are spending their last days in the work.

house because their savings were squandered by fraudulent friendly societics.

I do not think that the term fraudulent can in justice, be applied to these societies, for with a few exceptions they were honestly and cheaply managed, no officer or member receiving any pay for his services except the clerk.

The great mistake made by the members of these societies was that they paid large benefits for small contributions, and after a few years of apparent prosperity they became insolvent. If

different Acts or amended Acts referring to them. The present is the work of a Royal Commission and is likely to make those societies more reliable than they have ever been before. If they become registered societies they must adopt the government tables of contributions and benefits. The most of them make annual returns to the Registrar of their income and expenditure, No. of members, age, trade or calling, rate of sickness and death at the different ages, and most have their assets and liabilities valued every five years by persons appointed by the Board of Trade.

As a number of societies are being established in Canada, offering large benefits for small contributions, these societies must come to a like end to such of the old societies in England, and here there are no workhouses for the old members of these Canadian societies to end their days in. I see that you and others are trying to convince the members of these societies of the mistake they have made and that they do not thank you for your good advice. I think the Ontario Government should make enquiry about these societies before they legalize them as they are now doing, for I can assure you that the members regard this as a guarantee of their ability.

The friendly societies in England are not allowed to pay more than ± 100 in funeral benefits, it is thought that larger sums had better be given to Life companies. There are very few societies in the old country that pay more than \$100 or ± 20 on the death of any of the members of the working class. I was a member of one of those societies 60 years ago, so you see I am not a novice.

The I O.O.F. in Canada go in for big benefits, say \$1,000 or \$2,000 and even \$3,000 on the death of the members or before.

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Three years ago the Registrar's report to government was 15,379 societies, 4,692,000 members and funds £12,148,000.

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you with this matter but it is one of very great importance to some thousands of our Canadian fellow citizens.

Yours with respect, WILLIAM PHILLIPS. Chesley, Nov. 5th, 1884.

THE PROGRESS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT-ING IN ENGLAND.

In a recent editorial article on electric lighting in England, the Electric World showed that while the history of electric light companies there was one chiefly of disaster and failure, private firms appeared to be doing a very large and profitable business. Electric lighting has made vast strides in England, as in other parts of the world, during the last five years, when it may be said to have practically commenced. The first exhibition of any note in England was that at the Royal Albert Hall, which was closely followed by a semi-exhibition at the Conversazione of the Civil Engineers' Institution. The principal arc lights at that time were the Jablochkoff, Wilde and Siemens. There were, however, other lights shown, such as the Werdermann, etc., which have since come into promin-ence. The only lamps shown of an incandes-

cent type were lamps burning in the open air, with a filament of an alloy of iridium. These were shown by Mr. Sellon and Mr. Henry Edmunds, afterward severally connected with the Brush and Swan companies. The only the Brush and Swan companies. electric lighting companies of any prominence then existing were Messrs. Siemens Bros., the then existing were Messre. Stemens Licen, and Electric Lighting Co., working the Wilde system, and the Rritish Electric Light Co., who were oushing the Gramme machine. There were also one or two firms scattered about the counalso one or two nrms scattered about the coun-try at work, but they made no specially of electric lighting. Practically the first start given to electric lighting was gained from the introduction of the Brush system, the suc-cess of which was chiefly due to the use of high tension direct currents working a large number of lamps. It was also due to the very energetic manner in which it was brought forward, and to the high qualities of the Brush dynamo machine. The lighting of London by various companies and the exhibition at the Crystal Palace were the forerunners of the floating of several parent companies and a very large number of subsidiary companies, the details of which are well known. The less said about them the better. With few exceptions they have altogether failed, the parent companies which promoted them having sunk extremely in public estimation and lost a very large portion of their business and capital.

The firms and private companies which did not enter at all upon the speculation, the Electric World shows have done well. Among these are Messrs. Siemens & Co., Messrs. Crompton & Co., and Messrs. Woodhouse & Rawson, these three being the most eminent of the electric lighting firms. There are also in several of the larger towns private firms and companies who are doing a sound business. Of the parent public companies, the only ones that are practisuch a subsection of the set of t be said that Messrs. Siemens & Co., are doing a steady business, although they have to a certain extent given up the lead that they once held in the electric lighting world, having ceased to make the specialty of it that they once did. Their machines, nevertheless, still bear Their machines, nevertheless, still bear the same high character. Messrs. Cromp-ton & Co., have made a specialty of the manufacture of the Burgin machine, which has been greatly improved by the exertions of Mr. Kapp, their works manager, and is now considered to be one of the best English machines. They also have considerably improved their arc lamp, which is now known as the Crompton-Crabbe. Messrs. Woodhouse & Rawson seem to have made greater progress than the other firms in England, although their business was only established in a small way about three years ago. They have three separate departments, viz., manufacturing, supply and contract. In the former they manufacture incandescent lamps, switches, instrument gas lighters and similar apparatus. They are also coverers of wire and manufacturers of nearly every kind of plant used in electric lighting. Their supply department is practically a merchants' business, as they buy and sell in all parts of the world, having established agents and offices. In their contract department they fit up installations in the same manner as the stock companies. They are best known for their incandescent lamp, which, according to the authority of some of the Watts per candle power. We learn that their recent contracts include one for over 600 lights and twice that power, for the London Stock Exchange. They have also put in two installations of over 600 lights each for the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway, and are lighting up Messrs. Guinness' Brewery, at Dublin.

COAL.

When one considers the general state of affairs, it is saying a good deal for the Anthracite trade to be able to note a continued enquiry. There is none of that flagrant cutting of the price-list reported, which was so frequent during the early part of last month ; it is evident that the trade is on a very fair basis and in a healthful condition.

In soft coal there is a market represented by very large tonnages which shows that the coal is being more largely used than heretofore, and it is admitted to be taking much of the former Arthracite steam coal trade. At the same time there is the more tangible fact to the carrier, dealer and consumer, that this quality of fuel is now selling in all parts of the country at a lower range of values than ever before known. It is not due so much to the competition with Anthracite in order to make trade, as it is that there has been this season such eager competition between the several coals of each district for the supremacy in the matter of tonnage. How long can this competition continue is an absorbing question with all in the coal trade. Low priced steel rails, heavy engines, and large trains make it possible that coal can be carried at a minimum of cost, but how many of the main lines are there which `re in this happy condition ?

We find that the total clearances of coal for lake shipment at Buffalo this year to November 1st, foot up 1,270.180 tons against 1,100.690 tons in 1883, and 934,800 tons in 1882. Shipments by canal to points east, soft coal 29,312 tons for this season, as against 24,352 tons last year. Receipts by canal, from points east, hard coal 127,877 tons this season, as against 108,460 tons last season. Freights Nov. 1st, this season \$1 per ton; the same last year and 90 cents in 1882.

Chicago reports a continuance of the favorable market noticed last week; shipments to the interior continue, but dealers are only buying as the need arises. What they want is cold weather to stimulate the trade so that it shall be something substantial. An improvement is noted in Bituminous, that slowly but quietly portends better trade, though no boom is expected.

Business is reported as wearing a more hopeful face at Pittsburgh. Mills are working good time, and the retail trade is in good shape. At the meeting of the Western Associa ion, held on the 20th ult., it was decided that no change be made in the price lists. It is to be hoped that the wonderful prosperity which we have been promised by all sides should be brought about after this date, will now become a solid fact. It will be of immense interest to all our readers to know that the many idle factories and mills of all kinds, are once more to go to work and consume coal.—*Coal Trade Journal*, Nov. 5.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Collingwood; Nov. 1st.—A dwelling owner by Mr. Ryley, occupied by S. Davlin, took fire, roof and furniture damaged; insured in Lancashire for \$500 — Mesford.—Mrs. Petch's dwelling burned, not insured; cause, sparks on kindling-wood—Bentinck.—W.C. Brown burned out, lost \$600 in cash and jewellery, besides the have, no insurance.—Brucefield, 5th—At David Elliot's, sparks from the threshing enzine caused the loss of barn, stable, shed and 2000 bushels grain.—Blenheim, 7th.—The barne and contents belonging to T. R. Jackson completely destroyed; loss \$2.000; insurance \$1,800. —Sandwich, 12th.—The barns of Leander Jolibois burned; loss \$300; no insurance. Midland, 10th.—Four buildings owned by British Camadian Land Co., burned; loss \$2,000; no insurance.—Belment, 8th.—Edw'd Groat's barnes burned, fifteen milch cows, six horses, 600 bushels grain, &c.. &c. Loss \$5,000; insured in North Dorchester Mutual.

OTHEB PROVINCES.—Lower Stewiacke, N. S., Nov. 7th.—Robt. Pollock's three barns burned, with 100 tons of hay, 500 bushels potatoes, &c. Loss \$4,000; insurance \$1,000.

TEA GROWN IN INDIA.

It appears from recent statistics that the year 1883 was a favourable one for tea cultivation in Assam, the prices obtained being better than those of the previous year, and the outturn being nearly 7,000,000 pounds in excess of the yield of 1882. Many new gardens were opened in the course of last year. The total area of land held by tea planters in 1883 was 823,964 acres, or an increase of 140,402 acres over the area of 1881. The yield of tea during the year was 52,111,865 pounds and the gardens in the Surma Valler, 18,059,844 pounds. The average yield per acre for the whole Province is given at 328 pounds as compared with 292 pounds in 1882. There has been a continuous increase in the production of tea in Assam during the past five years, the yearly quantity having gone up from 31,386. 636 pounds in 1876 to 52,171.207 pounds in 1883. There are at the present time fity-three tea companies registered in India.—London Times,

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STOCKS OF COMMODITIES AND PRICES.

The close connection between the stocks of commodities and their market value is shown in the subjoined compilations, from the British Board of Trade figures. The first statement exhibits the comparative stocks, in Great Britain, hibits the comparative stocks, in Great Britain, of the chief articles of colonial produce, of the leading raw materials and of wines and spirits. The comparison is made, says the N.Y. Bulletin, for the purpose of showing not so much whether stocks are abnormally low or high, but to reserve in that has here their compare with but to ascertain what has been their course with-in the last twelve months; our reason for thus limiting the comparison being that the period indicated bas been one of unusually severe com-mercial pressure. The reaction set in earlier, indeed; but it has only been since the middle of last year that its effects began to appear in the supplies of commodities:

STOCKS OF COMMODITIES IN GREAT BRITAIN, AUGUST 31, 1854, AND AT SAME DATE OF 1883

or, 1003, AND AT SAME	DATE OF	1009.
COLONIAL PRODUCE. Aug	. 31, '84.	Aug. 31, '83.
Tea, in bond, lbs		98,108.172
	594,675	886,936
Cocoa. in bond, lbs		10,430, 17
Raw sugar, first hands, cwts	5,756,000	4,254,000
Rice, London, first hands, ewts.	587,500	704 820
SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, &C.		
Spanish wines, in bond, gals.	4.057.106	4,250,936
Portuguese wines, in bond	3,055,243	2,979,734
French wines in bond	693,353	777,906
Foreign brandy, in bond	5,113,218	6,045,859
Foreign rum, in bond	8 270,570	8,001,727
RAW MATERIALS.		
Pig iron, Scotland, (war.), tons.	585,212	585 345
Pig iron. Cleveland, tons	292,594	275,198
Raw Cotton, bales	697,550	866,810
Rawsilk, bales	19,772	9,657
Tobacco. in bond, lbs 7	3,667,895	83,133,254
Copper, visible supply, tons	42,5*6	48,739
Petroleum, in London, bbls	165,500	422,200

Of the seventeen articles here enumerated, the stocks of twelve are lower now than they were a year ago. These which show an increase are raw sugar, the last crop of which was unprece-dented and immensely in excess of ordinary and immensely in excess of ordinary wants; rum, the production of which has been abnormally encouraged by the abundance of sugar; Cleveiand iron; raw silk, the supply of which has been swelled by a large crop; and one particular class of wine. The stock of coffee shows a decline of about one-third within the worths. In the the admittion in action twelve months. In tes, the reduction is not im-portant, the withdrawals for consumption hav-ing been checked by an advance in price consequent upon the hostile relations between France and China. Of rice, the stock has declined about seventeen per cent. The stock has defined iron ore almost equal to those of propercus periods and, when compared with those of a year ago, show that the production during a year of great depression has gone ahead of the demand; which is not a hopeful sign for that important branch of trade. In the stock of cotton, there is a reduction of 169,000 bales, or about 20 per cent.; which about corresponds to the ratio of decrease in last year's crop. The stock of unmanufactured tobacco exhibits a descore of unmanuscured toosco exhibits a de-crease of 9,500,000 lbs., or at the rate of $11\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; while in the visible supply of copper there is a diminution of 12 per cent. The most important decrease is in the London stock of important decrease is in the London stock of petroleum, which is only about 40 per cent. of that of a year ago. It will thus be seen that, excepting a very few articles the last crop of which was unusually

large, there has been an important decrease in the British stocks of commodities during the last twelve months. The following comparison will twelve months. The following comparison will show what has been the tendency of prices in a still wider range of articles during the same period :

WHOLESALE PRICES OF LEADING COMMODITIES IN GREAT BRITAIN ON SEPT 5, 1884, AND SEPT. 1, 1883.

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Sept.	5,	'84.	Sept	. 1.	'83·
Minerals- £	8.	d.		в.	d٠
Iron, Scotch pig, per ton 2	1	6	2	7	0
Iron, Cleveland bars, p. ton 5	2	6	5	17	6
Steel rails, per ton 4	10	0	4	18	Ō
Coal, London best, per ton	17	0		19	Ō
Copper, Chili bars, per ton.54	0	0	64	0	0
Tin, Straits, per ton82 1	15	0	93	15	0
Lead, English pig, per ton 11	2	6	12	12	6
Saltpetre, Eng. ref. p. cwt. 1	2	9	1	4	4
TEXTILE RAW MATERIALS-					
Cotton, mid. up,, per lb		68	-16		5 §
Cotton yarn, 40-in twist,					
per lb		9 <u>3</u>			9 3
Wool, Southdown hogs,					
per lb	1	0		1	0
Wool, Sydney, unwashed,					
per lb.		9			9]
Silk, Cossimbuzar, per lb. 1	2	0		14	0

	Flax, Petersburg, per ton.27	0 0	28	10	0
	Hemp, Manilla, per ton42 1	0 O	43	5	0
	Jute, good markets, per ton. 14 1	00	15	10	0
Ì	FOOD PRODUCTS-				
l	Am. wheat, red winter, per				
	qr 1 14	6	2	5	0
	English wheat, per qr 1 14	3	2	8	2
ł	Oats, per qr 1 0		1	.2	2
	Flour, town-made 2nds,				-
ļ	per 280 lbs 1 7	0	1	13	0
	Beef, inferior, per 8 lbs 3	0		3	4
	Beef, prime small, p. 8 lbs. 5	6 0		5	3
	Mutton, prime, per 8 lbs 5	4		6	2
	Potatoes, good Eng. p. ton 3 15	0	4	5	Ö
	Rice, Rangoon, per cwt 7	8		8	`1
	GRCCERIES, ETC				_
	Sugar, Manilla, low brown,				
	per cwt 8	6		13	5
	Sugar, W. India refinery,	•			Ũ
	_ per cwt 12	6		19	6
	Tea, Congou com. per lb.,	71			64
	Tes, Congou good, per lb 1	3		1	2
1	Coffee, Ceylon, plan., low	-		-	-
	mid. per cwt 2 17	6	3 1	13	0
•	Petroleum, per gallon	61			61
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Olive oil, Levant, per tun.38 0 0 36 0 Tallow, town, per cwt... 1 16 9 2 2 0 Of the 28 articles here enumerated, only 4 of the 28 articles here enumerated, only 4 show any advance in price, those exceptions being cotton, tea, petroleum, and olive oil. As a rule, the rate of decline has been quite impor-tant. In Scotch pig iron, the fall has been 11[§] per cent.; and in steel rails 8 per cent. The difference between these changes and that which has occurred, within the same period, on Ameri-can steel rails, is deserving of attention, the fall on the latter has been from \$37.50 to \$27.50, or at the rate of 261 per cent, against 8 per cent. on English. The cause of this is manifest. England, with a foreign commercial policy, has access to all the markets of the world and has therefore every possible source of relief in periods of depression ; while the United States, with a domestic policy and consequent abnorpurely maily high prices, can find no outlet for an over-supply except by letting down prices to the British level, which means loss to producers. Returning from the digression, coal at London

shows a decline of 101 per cent ; copper, 182 per cent; tin, 111 per cent; lead, 12 per cent; raw silk, 141 per cent; fax, 51 per cent; Manila hemp, 13 per cent; jute, 6 per cent; wheat, 22 per cent ; flour, 18 per cent ; beef, 10 per cent ; per cent; flour, 18 per cent; beef, 10 per cent; mutton, 13½ per cent; potatoes 11½ per cent; rice, 5 per cent; sugar 36½ per cent; coffee, 19 per cent; tallow, 14½ per cent. It will thus be seen that these prices for minerals, textile raw materials, and food and beverage products show a decline averaging 121 per cent. This, it must be kept in mind, is the fall within one year only; had the comparison been carried back to the beginning of 1882, the decline would have been found to be nearly double that percentage.

It is especially deserving of note that this change in values has occurred in the face of largely diminished stocks. Ordinarily, a diminution of the supply on the market tends to strengthen prices ; when, therefore, fall materially concurrently with diminishing stocks, the fact proves the extreme severity of the pressure upon the markets.

-The revenue derived by the Government from assessments in the United Kingdom upon ironworks and mines, is very considerable. The Commissioners of Her Msjesty's Inland Revenue give in their report for the year ended March 31, 1884, under the head of income tax, some information relative to ironworks and mines. The gross amount of property and profits assessed, and the net amount charged to income tax for the year ended April 5, 1883, are given : Ironworks in the United Kingdom, gross assessment, £2,962,609; net amount charged to duty, £2 830,878, divided thus: England, £2,-436,089 and Scotland £394,789, Ireland, nil. 436,089 and Scotland £394,789, Ireland, nil. With regard to mines the statistics show that in the United Kingdom the gross assessment was, in the year under notice, £6, 733,740, and the net amount charged to duty, £6,68,730, thus :- England, gross assessment, £5,799,463; net amount charged to duty, £5, 607,110; Scotland, gross assessment, £921,769, net amount charged to duty, £667,164; Ireland, gross assessment, £12,508, net amount charged to duty, £12,456. In 1882-83 there was an in crease of revenue, especially so far as ironworks were concerned, the increase in England being £268,000 or 11.80 per cent. over 1882. On the other hand, there was a decrease of £100,000 in other hand, there was a decrease of £100,000 in

the assessments on mines ir England. In Sociand there was an increase under the head of mines amounting to £110,000 or 13:56 per cent., and a decrease under ironworks of £210,cent., and a decrease under ironworks of £210, 000, or 33:38 per cent. A supplementary table referring to Schedule D gives a gen-eral view of the fluctuations in the prin-cipal classes of assessments in the United Kingdom in the past eight years, and from this table we cull the following :

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	mentioned ye	ar of £7,880	.712.	
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INTENDED TO REFORM.

"You must give up all tricks of the trade," said the pastor to the grocer, "if you expect to go to heaven."

"I have thought about that for a long time. I think I will do so after the 1st of January.

"Why don't you do so now, brother? There is no time like the present."

"I can't do it now very well, but I will then." "Why do you set that date?" "Because on the first of the year I retire from

business."-New York Times.

-A characteristic story is told, of Colonel Banes, who declined the Democratic nomination for Controller of Philadelphia. The morning after he had successfully run the gauntlet for Select Councilman, a number of the "boys" called in to congratulate him. "Well, Colonel." called in to congratulate him. "Well, Colonel," said the spokesman, "we pulled you through, but it took hard work, and the boys here think you ought to do something for them." The suave Colonel, inexperienced in bum politics, was somewhat perplexed, but inquired: "What can I do for you?" "Why, you ought to set 'em up, treat to drinks, you know." Thus en lightened, the new Councilman said: "Why, of course I will: now inst you take the 'boys' course I will; now just you take the 'boys' around to Mr.-----street. That's where That's where I get what I drink. Tell him to charge it to my account." The ward workers started off joy-fully, and soon came to the place designated. The sign hanging out was that of a milkman !

-Let us be thankful, says the Philadelphia Record, President Arthur's thanksgiving procia-mation is opportune. However we have contrived in this year of our Lord to mar or muddle the business affairs which are entirely in our own control, there has been no stint of the bounty of Providence. We are at peace with all the world, and the troubles that beset some of our produc-tive industries do not grow out of deficiency, but out of excess. Our wheels are stopped because we have produced more than we can sell.

Let everybody now go to work, says a New -Let everybody now go to work, says a New York paper of Monday. It is to be hoped that there is an end at least of the crowds of idle people that have been surging about the streets since Tuesday last "waiting for the returns." The wonder is, with so many persons doing nothing, how they manage to get a living. Every loafer nowadays aspires to be a local statesman. statesman.

-The square timber outlook in the woods

-An agency of the Western Bank has been opened at New Hamburg under the management of Mr. T. D. Allin.

THE MONETARY TIMES, TRADE REVIEW AND INSURANCE CHRONICLE.

ALL MADE FROM SMOKE.

The old saying that nothing is wasted or lost in nature is true in regard to the smoke from the furnace of Elk Rapids, Mich. In this fur-nace are manufactured fifty tons of charcoal per day. There are twenty-five charcoal pits, constructed of brick. Each pit is filled with 100 cords of hardwood and then fired. The vast amount of smoke from these pits, which was formerly lost in the air, is now utilized. Works have been erected to convert the smoke into chemicals and acids.

These works are a curiosity. First, they have a circular tube, made of wood, with pine staves, sixteen feet in length, bound together with heavy iron hoops. This tabe is placed directly over the pits in a horizontal position, with an open-ing from each pit into the tube. At the end nearest the building there is a large dram containing a price of the propulated by man end nearest the building there is a large usual containing a rotary fan, propelled by ma-chinery, the power of which is gas. That acts as a suction or draft for the smoke, which is conveyed into fire stills filled with copper is conveyed into his stills filed with copper pipes two and one half inches in diameter. The boxes in which the pipes are situated are twenty feet square, eight feet deep, made of heavy pine and filled with cold water; they are all connected by copper pipes; they are con-nected with the main still, 100 feet in length, 10 foot wide and 8 fort den filled with with 10 feet wide and 8 feet deep, filled with copper pipes 2½ inches in diameter, in horizontal posi-tion, surrounded by cold water; from this conveyed to a purifier, from which runs what is called purplication which runs what is called pyroligneous acid, which is as clear as amber, with an unpleasant odor.

Ender, with an unpleasant odor. From the acid is produced, first, acetate of lime; second alcohol; third, tar; fourth, gas, which is consumed under the boilers. Each cord of wood contains 28,000 cubic feet of smoke; 2,800,000 feet of smoke handled every twenty-four hours, producing 12,000 pounds of acetate of lime, 200 gallons of alcohol and twenty-five pounds of tar. These products have a commercial value in the manufacture of various articles. The smoke from 40,000 cords various articles. The smoke from 40,000 cords of wood consumed per annum is thus made a source of much profit, as the works are automatic, and require no workmen to run them. Boston Journal of Commerce.

Commercial.

BRITISH MARKETS.

London, Nov. 12, 1884.

Beerbohm says, floating cargoes-Wheat, very dull; maize, none offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, neglected; maize, quiet and steady. Mark Lane, wheat and maize, slow; English and French country markets quiet.

Liverpool, 12th.

The breadstuffs market continues dull. Quota-The breadstuffs market continues dull. Quota-tions for Flour, 10s. to 11s. 6d.; No. 1 California wheat 6s. 7d.; No. 2, also 1d., cheaper at6s. 4d. ; red winter, 6s. 4d.; spring 6s. 5d.; maize, 5s. 5d.; corn, 5s. 5fd.; barley, 5s. 6d.; oats, 5s. 5d.; lard, 38s. 6d.; bacon, long clear, 47s.; tallow, 35s.; cheese, 56c. 6d. There are heavy supplies of American and Canadian cattle on the market, and prices have dropped $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 14c. Dressed beef stands at $5\frac{1}{2}$ d., which is higher than for some weeks. some weeks.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTBEAL, Nov. 12th, 1884.

In the stock market there has been an absence of any activity in sales, but values do not show material alteration, except in the case of Federal which dropped considerably, offerings being made at 41, with 36 bid. Montreal, 1891; Commerce, 1164; Richelieu, 561; Union, 67. Money is in ample supply, and loan and discount rates remain as before. General trade is no more active, and the close of navigation now imminent has not induced any freer buying, except perhaps in the case of metals, which are in a little better demand from such few sections as are still principally dependent on river freights. Payments are not materially improved and renewing has to be done to an extent that is not satisfactory.

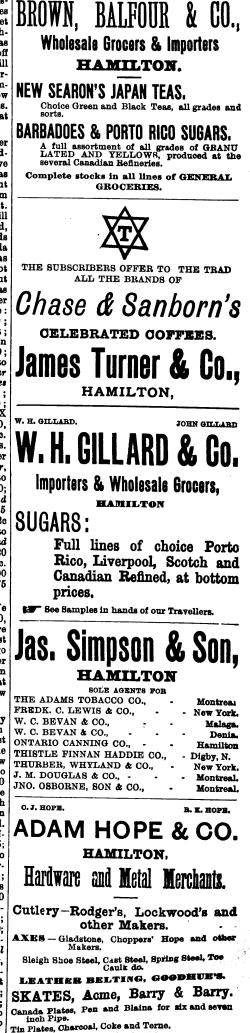
DBR GOODS.-Our remarks of the last several FISH.-No further receipts of Labrador her-weeks apply in all their force to the situation of rings and prices quoted remain at #6 to #6.50.

to-day. Business is flat ; in a good many cases travellers are home from the sorting trips which have not proved satisfactory as a rule, and pros-pects for further sales of fall goods in quantities are not favorable, retail stocks being as yet hardly broken. The continued mild open weather affects both city and country business, as city people in a good many instances put off buying till forced to do so, and farmers will work out as long as the weather permits, deferring their trading till work in the fields is impossible. Country remittances do not show much improvement, except in isolated cases. Cottons show no new features, unless it be that the tone of the market is slightly firmer.

METALS AND HARDWARE .--From down-river sections and some other localities more depend-ent on boat than rail for transport, there have been rather more orders for iron, &c., of late, as buyers have to lay in their winter supplies, but otherwise business is quiet, and letters from travellers west report business as very flat. Prices of pig iron as annexed last week, still hold. At home warrants are again advanced, the figures now being 43/-, but makers' brands do not seem proportionately higher. Canada plates are quiet, the season being about over, as also are tin plates, the season for which has not yet begun. The latter are easier at home, but advanced freights fully offset this. Ingot tin was advanced freights fully offset this. Ingot tin was cabled 7/6d. higher on Monday, and is firmer here, other lines are unchanged. We quote: Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$19 to \$19.50; Langloan, \$19.50; Coltness, none in market; Eglinton, \$17.00 to \$17.50; Dalmellington \$17.25 to \$17.50; Calder \$19.00 to \$19.50; Hematite \$20 to \$22.50, according to brand; Siemens, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron still \$1.70 to \$1.75; Canada Plates \$2.90 to \$3.00 as to lot and brand; Tin Plates Bradley Charcoal, \$5.85 to 6.00; Charcoal I C \$4.60 to \$4.75 as to brand; do. I X \$6.25 to 6.50; Coke I C., \$4.25 to \$4.40. Charcoal 1 C \$4.00 to \$4.75 as to brand; do. 1 X \$6.25 to 6.50; Coke I C., \$4.25 to \$4.40, Galvanized Sheets, No. 28, 6 to 70. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, $6\frac{3}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.30; Sheets, Boiler, Plate per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.45 to \$2.55; Steel Boiler Plate \$3.25 to \$0.00; heads \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron. 10 to 110 Lead heads \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead per 100 lbs. :--Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet; \$3.75 to \$4; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast Steel, 11 to 12c flrm; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; Tire, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm Sleigh Shoe, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Round Machinery Steel, $3\frac{3}{4}$ o. per lb. Ingot Tin, 20 to 210. Bar Tin, 240.; Ingot Copper, 15 to 160. Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Spelter, \$4.00to \$4.50 Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

Asnes.-The market is rather easier. believe some No. 1 pots have been sold at \$4.00, and quote \$4 to \$4.15, last sale of seconds were at \$3.70. Pearls still nominally \$5.00; last transaction reported, took place a fortnight ago at these figures. Receipts have become lighter of late, and as shipments have more than equalled receipts, stocks in store are somewhat reduced from what they were, and are now about 1200 brls.

DBUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Trade remains only fair, and remittances do not show much gain Iodide of Potash reported as advancing last week has gone up with a bound, presumably due to a combination of producers, and is now double former figures, being quoted at \$3.50 to \$3.60; Iodine \$4 to \$4.25, and iodoform \$5.50 \$3.60; Iodine \$4 to \$4.25, and iodoform \$5.50 to \$5.75. It is altogether probable that these prices may go higher. Cream tartar which showed some signs of falling off, is again firm at quotations, other lines unchanged. We quote: Sal Soda \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi-Carb. Soda, 2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bicknomate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; Borax refined, 11 to 12½c.; Cream Tar-tar crystals, 32 to 34c.; do ground 86c. to 88c; Tartarie Acid crystals, 52½ to 55c.; do. powders 55 to 58c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 55 to 58c. per lb.; Causic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleach-ing Powder, \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to lot; ing Powder, \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to lot; Alum \$1.75 to \$1.90; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Flowers Sul-phur, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to \$3.50; Epson Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Salt-petre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; German Quinine, about \$1.10 to \$1.20; American do., \$1.20 to \$1.25; Howard, \$1.25 to \$1.35; Opium, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 53e; White, 40 to 55e; Carbolic acid, 45 to 50e. 50c.



Pig Iron, Shotts No. 1, the best brand offering for Stove Plate, White, Hematite and Londonderry Oar Wheels.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Hamilton.

Cape Breton herrings, \$5.25 to \$5.75 ; dry cod, Cape Breton nerrings, \$5.25 to \$5.75; dry cod, \$4.25 to \$4.75; American cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; green cod has still further declined in price, No. 1 being sold at \$4 to \$4.25; No. 2 about \$3 25; North Shore Salmon \$14, \$13, and \$12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbia salmon \$12; Mackerel, \$4 to \$6; lake trout, \$4.25 to \$4.50. No white fish in market yet.

FURS.-A few lots of of mink, fox, beaver, and bear, also some muskrat from Ontario have been received, but all show signs of being too early caught, and do not bring full prices. A little cold weather is required to bring furs up to cold weather is required to bring furs up to prime. We quote for prime skins: Beaver, 2.75; Bear, \$8.00 to 10 00; do., cub, \$4.00 to 86.00; Fisher, \$4.00 to \$6.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to 1.20; Cross do., \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Lynx, \$2 50 to \$3.00; Mink, \$1.00 to \$1.25.; Muskrat, 8 to 10c; Otter, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Raccoon, 50c average; Skunk, 40 to 60c.

FLOUR.-The market rules very dull with values favoring buyers. Stocks show a considerable increase, which of course tends to erable increase, which of course tends to weaken prices. At the beginning of the week stocks were 8,000 barrels ahead of week before. We quote : Superior Extra, \$3.90 to 4.00 ; Extra Super-fine, \$3.85 to 3.85; Fancy, \$3.80 to 3.80; Spring Extra \$3.80 to 3.80; Superfine, \$3.40 to 0.00; Strong Bakers (Canadian) \$4.50 to \$25.4 American ditto \$5.00 to \$5.50 · Fine 4.85; American ditto., \$5.00 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.20 to 3.25.

GROCERIES .--- Business is a shade 'off' from GROCERIES.—Business 18 a snade of 1 from what it was; city trade is quiet, and the high prices of fruit seem to have some effect in keep-ing back orders. Payments are spoken of as fair. Sugars are firm at last advances, 640. being lowest refinery price for granulated. Some cood Porte Rice grocery suggest have offered good Porto Rico grocery sugars have offered lately at 5c.; in molasses there is nothing of moment doing, holders ask 33c. for Barbadoes, Porto Rico 27 to 29c. No sugar house molasses in the market. Teas show little change, some in the market. fair lots of Japans at 10 to 22c. and 28 to 32c. have changed hands lately. Grocers are show-ing rather better value in grades of 18 to 200, and Young Hysons at 35 to 38c. Fruits continue dear, sales of 1,500 boxes of ordinary have been made at 7¹/₈c., while standard brands are held at 8¹/₂ to 8¹/₂c.; there are no more cheap ones to be had. In Malagas, layers are \$2.50, looge Mus-catels \$2.70 to \$275; London layers \$3.25; Blackbaskets \$4.00; Imperial Cabinets \$3.75; Blackbaskets \$4.00; Imperial Cabinets \$3.75; extra do \$4.00; fue Dehesas \$5.00 to \$6.00; Sultanas 64 to 74c.; currants 5 to 7c., as to quality; figs in mats $3\frac{3}{4}$ to 44c.; Eleme figs, 11 to 17c according to quality; prunes $4\frac{3}{4}$ to $5\frac{1}{4}$ c; Rice unchanged at \$3.50; black pepper rather scarce and worth 17c, white 27 to 29c. Canned goods reveal no new features. No new French walnuts yet: old 7c. Baroche 27 to 29c. Canned goods reveal no new features. No new French walnuts yet; old, 7c; Barcelo-na filberts, 82 to 9c; Kerrassimo do., 71 to 8c; Sicily, none; Tarragona almonds, 141 to 16c.

LEATHEB .- Orders from boot and shoe manu-Listings.—Orders from boot and shoe manu-facturers are light at the moment, as there is not much doing beyond preparing spring samples. Stocks generally are fully equal to the calls upon them, light splits being the only article at all scarce. Fair shipments of splits to England still continue. We still quote :—Hem-lock Spanish Sole B. A 25 to 28c., ditto, No. 2, B. A. 22c. to 25c; No. 2, ditto, No. 2, B. A. 22c. to 25c; No. 1 ditto 22c. to 23c; No. 1 China 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 194 to 21c. Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 274c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c; ditto ditto heavy, 88 to 36c.; Grained, 84 to 38c. Splits, large, 23 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. Calf-splits 29 to 32c. Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto [25 to 34 lbs.] 60 to 70c.; Imitation French Calfskins. 80 to 85c; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to facturers are light at the moment, as there is to 850; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 500; Harness, 24 to 830; Buffed Cow, per ft., 14 to 16c. Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c. Patent Cow, 15 to 16c. Pebbled Cow, 11¹/₂ to 15¹/₂c. Rough, 23 to 28c. Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c. 45 to 55c.

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OILS AND PAINTS .- Linseed oil maintains its strong position, and there is no apparent prospect, in the near future at any rate, of prices becoming lower; 60 cents is still asked for raw, and 63 for boiled. Cod oil is rather stronger and now quotes at 60 to 621c; cod liver, \$1 30; steam refined seal, 60 to $62\frac{1}{2}\sigma$; olive and castor unchanged. Leads continue firm and scarce in unchanged.

6 to 640.; Red do 5 to 54. These prices for round lots. London Washed Whiting 50 to 600.; Paris White \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red \$1.75 to 2.00; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50; Spruce Ochre, \$2 to \$3.00.

PROVISIONS .- Business in butter ia only moderate and is pretty much confined to fine grades; stocks of medium continue to accumulate and are hard to dispose of. late and are hard to dispose or. we quote choice creamery 23 to 26c.; townships, 18 to 22c. as to make and quality; Morrisburg, 18 to 20c. : western, 17 to 18c. for selected. Cheese We quote 20c.; western, 17 to 18c. for selected. Cheese 11 to 114c. for fancy fall makes. Pork quiet at about \$18 for western mess; lard, 104 to 11c; hams, 14 to 15c.; bacon, 13 to 14c. Eggs, 21 to 22c. for really fresh.

SALT .- Business continues quiet but prices are stiffer, 50 cents is asked for elevens ex wharf, or 60c. ex store. Factory filled, \$1.20 to \$1.40; Eureka, \$2 40.

Wool.-There is a little more doing than at last writing, nearly altogether in domestics. foreit, n wools seemingly being neglected. Prices remain as before; viz., 27 to 28c. for A. supers; 22 to 24c. for B. do.; black, 21 to 22c.; unassorted, 22 to 23c.; Cape, 16¹/₂ to 18c.; Australian, 19 to 28c., as to quality.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 12th, 1884.

A steady upward movement in Bank Stocks culminated on Monday, from which there has been a gradual reaction, generally leaving off at about the lowest rates of the week. Federal Bank stock has again been an exception, declining rapidly on small sales till Tuesday, when it it sold at 42, a drop of 5 per cent. From this it rose in the same excited manner to 451, which was the rate of the last transaction. Toronto and Commerce Banks have each lost one per cent. in the week, while other changes have been only fractional, though mostly indicating a loss in values. Insurance stocks have been weak, British America selling at 95, with 94 now bid. Western sold as low as 104, but sellers were asking 106 at the close with 104 offered. Consumers' gas was quite strong, and advanced 21 for buyers, to 1481. Loan Societies have been neglected, but quotations are strong and in some cases show slight advances. The feeling at the close to-day was somewhat unsettled.

DRY GOODS .- There is so little to be said as to DRY GOODS.—There is so intere to us said as to the condition of trade here—dulness being the rule—that it may be as well to look abroad. Advices from the old country up to 1st instant show that business is quiet in textiles. At Bradford spinners of foreign wool for the home trade keep pretty busy. The piece trade is not bradiora spinora set trade is not trade keep preity bisy. The piece trade is not so good. The demand drags for all markets. The continental trade very slow, and the demand for the United States has seriously fallen off. The wool market continues quiet, both at Bradford and London, while the quotations for home ford and London, while the quotations for home wools are a little easier. At Manchester prices have strengthened, and some manufacturers require an advance on previous quotations. Merchants, however, very reluctantly follow this upward movement. At the increased rates buy. ing has slackened, and orders are limited. Dundee the improved tone in our jute market continues. Fair and good qualities in request, and soarce, have realized an advance of 5s. to 10s. per ton from the late lowest point, but this market being still overstocked with medium and common qualities. In Calcutta prices have ruled very firm. The New York market continues very firm. The New York market con-tinues very quiet, bleached goods in limited demand, brown sheetings dull, cotton flannels in pretty fair request. Dress goods demand light and irregular. All-wool plaids and special-ties in plaid and forcer workeds continue roll ties in plaid and fancy worsteds continue well sold up and steady in price. Heavy woollens very dull

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .--- Business is fair in extent and steady, while a good deal of money has come in. There is no marked demand for any especial line of goods. We note some excitement this week in Iodine and allits preparations, the crude article having advanced nearly 100 per cent., consequent probably on a combination by Britain, but prices here are unaltered though firmer. We quote: --White Lead (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead to 5.50; No. 8, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead

FL UBAND MEALE -Another quiet week, and a continued depressed feeling. Holders, although anxious enough to sell, do not feel like taking low prices than those quoted. We hear of no sales this week, one was made last week, we are told, of extra at \$3.40. Oatmeal quiet, at unchanged prices ; bran continues to bring \$10.50 per ton.

Complaints are made by country storekeepers that farmers are not marketing their wheat. But this is not everywhere true; the millers seem to be getting enough of it to keep them going at any rate. It is believed by grain dealers that as much wheat is already moved this year as last; there is certainly much more to move and by a curious change from the former season, buyers are paying two cents per bushel more for fall wheat than for spring, where this time last year, spring commanded the higher time last year, spring commanded the ingle-price. From 62 to 65c. per bushel is being paid at country points for spring and from 64 to 68c. for fall. Storekeepers complain perhaps, because farmers do not market their crop all at once, certainly they cannot complain of barley which is pouring in at various points at a lively rate. It is yet rather early for wheat to be marketed in quantity, but merchants should for their own sakes advise the marketing of grain, for there is no likelihood of higher prices for it. At competitive points in Ontario, we are told, the G.T.R. and C.P.R. are carrying flour and grain so low that the farmers get almost as much as the dealer's price at the cities or large towns.

GRAIN -No improvement to be noted, and transactions in very small compass. The Eng-lish market is down 1d. on wheat and the feeling here somewhat weaker. There appears to be no No. 1 fall in market here. No. 2 is quoted at 74 to 75c. and No. 3 at 72c. A sale is reported of No. 1 spring at 731 cents, we hear of another sale at 73c., while the figure for No. 2 is 71c. More movement is evident in barley, of which the stock is close upon 300,090 bushels. We quote No. 1 at 70c., No. 2 at 65c.; sales of No. 3 extra were made yesterday at 58 and 581s. Little or nothing is doing in coarse grains, which are nominally unchanged, oats if any-thing weaker thing weaker.

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Fall wheat,			54,771	26,137
Spring whea	t, bush.	. 86,754	83,644	26,698
Oats	".	. 150	150	
Barley	".	.277,304	321,173	221,713
Peas	".	. 18,868	14,507	5,253
Rye	"	. 630	630	
Corn	"	. 200	200	••••

Total Grain.... 418,547 475,080 279,791 GROCERIES,-A moderate trade, principally in small parcels, is passing. Prices are generally maintained. The feeling in the trade is more satisfactory and less cutting of prices appears to be indulged in. Fruit is firm. Baisins of all kinds are scarce and in demand at advanced prices compared with other years. The feeling in sugars is better and jobbers report a fair turn It is difficult to see how refiners can conover. tinue to make at present prices, with raws advanced as they are, but we do not alter quotations in the meantime. Teas, all good qualities are selling freely and a larger proportion of good in demand than of the cheap or trashy kinds. In wines and liquors the October trade was fair, but thus far this month demand has fallen off.

HIDES AND SKINS .- The feeling in hides is ather weaker, but we do not alter our prices of last week. Sheepskins, fresh slaughtered bring 75c and calfskins 55 to 60c. Rendered tallow is easier, and sold this week at 7c.

LEATHER .- A very fair trade is reported ; among country shoemakers, it is true, dealers find it often hard to get money, but that is not very strange. In sole leather, the most active request is for Drummondville tannage, which is high in esteem; slaughter is in fair request. Upper, there is no scarcity and prices would be shaded ; a round lot of some 600 sides changed hands since our last at 31²/₄c cash. Harness is in active demand and the market bare; dealers are looking for choice stock and will sell light for 24 to 27c; splits are lower in price and we hear round lot at a fraction over 24c. of a sale of a Buff and pebble are steady.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of butter have been free, and the market is rather easier, 180. for good lots is about value and buyers are particular regarding quality. No demand for poor except in a retail way to bakers. Cheese is dull and

steady at 12 to 12½c. Dressed hogs are coming forward freely the market price is \$6 to \$6.25, the latter for choice heavy weights only. Long clear bacon has been selling, though not briskly at 10c., Cumberland cut at 9c. Dried apples are offering more freely, but demand limited, the like may be said of evaporated. Mess port is in limited snpply and quiet at \$17 to \$18. Hops are weak and lower, we hear of sales of good during the week at 15c.

SALT.—Fair supplies are reported. Liverpool coarse, which costs about 70c. to lay down is selling at 75c.; Canadian is unchanged; Eureka dairy we quote 64 to 66c. per 56 lbs. and Washington 48 to 50c. per 50 pound package.

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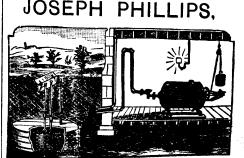
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The arrows of much sarcasm are discharged at the bill-collector. Surely he is an unwelcome visitor, but deserves quite as much sympathy as the man on whose spirits he throws a wet blanket. After climbing three flights of stairs, the collector enters the office of the Arkansaw Traveler. "What is it young man ?"

"I have a little bill here from Nogins & Co.,"

handing him a piece of paper.
"Well," taking the bill and looking at it, "I'll step in some time during the week and pay it."
"That's what you said last month, colonel."
"That'il do. I'm busy and don't want to be

bothered."

The collector enters a lawyer's office. "I've paid this thing once," says the lawyer. "No, you said you would pay it, but you haven't done so yet." "That'll do sir. I transact my business with the firm, and don't need any assistance."

"When shall i come again ? " "Never mind; I'll settle the bill." Then the collector calls on a very polite man.

"Come in sir; come in. Have a seat." "Haven't time to sit down. I have a little bill here.'

"Yes. Well I declare. I intended to come round and settle it. The fact is, I haven't any money at present, but if you'll call round to-mor-Good morning," and as the collector retires the polite gentleman muses: "To-morrow afternoon. Have an engagement in the country." The collector stops a man on the street and

presents him a bill. The man frowns and

says: "I never pay bills on the street. If you want to see me on business why don't you come to my office ? "

Shortly afterward the collector enters the office. "Here you are again. Don't give a man any chance at all." "You said you transacted business in your

office." "Never mind what I said. I shall tell your

employers of your impudence. No use for fur-ther conversation. That'll do. I'm busy."

No, the bill-collector's life is not without its annovances.

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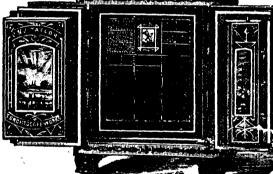
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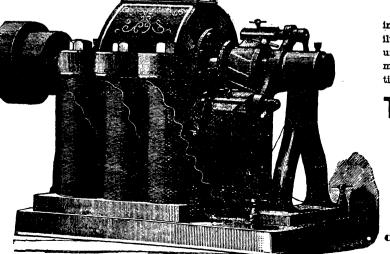
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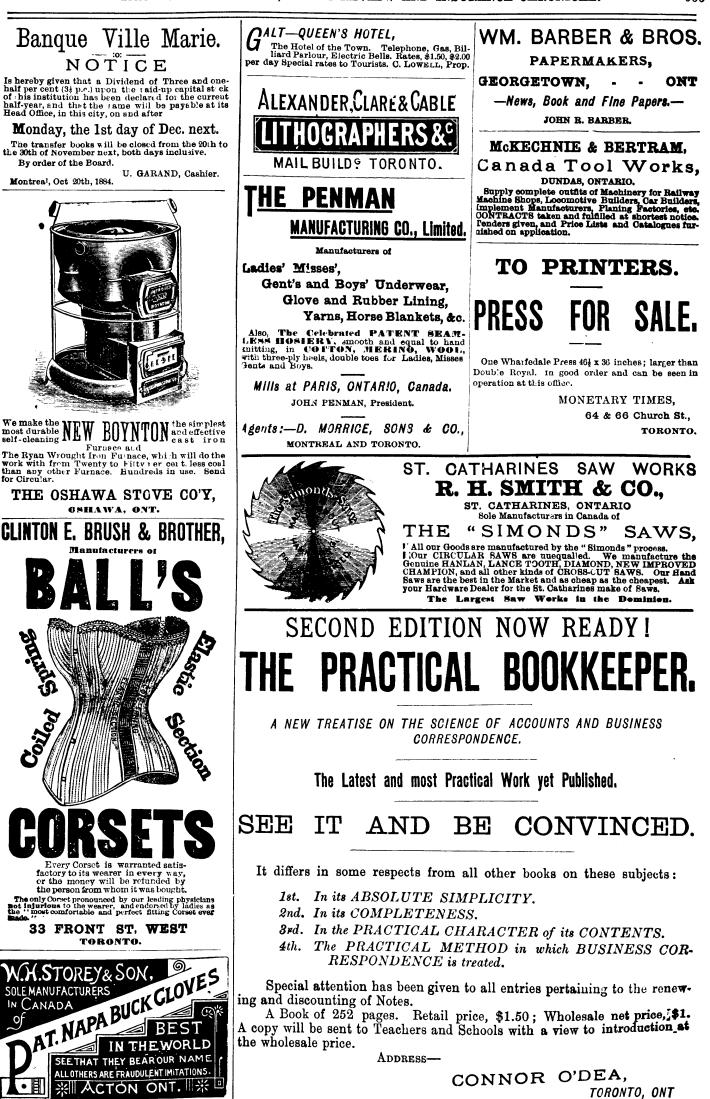
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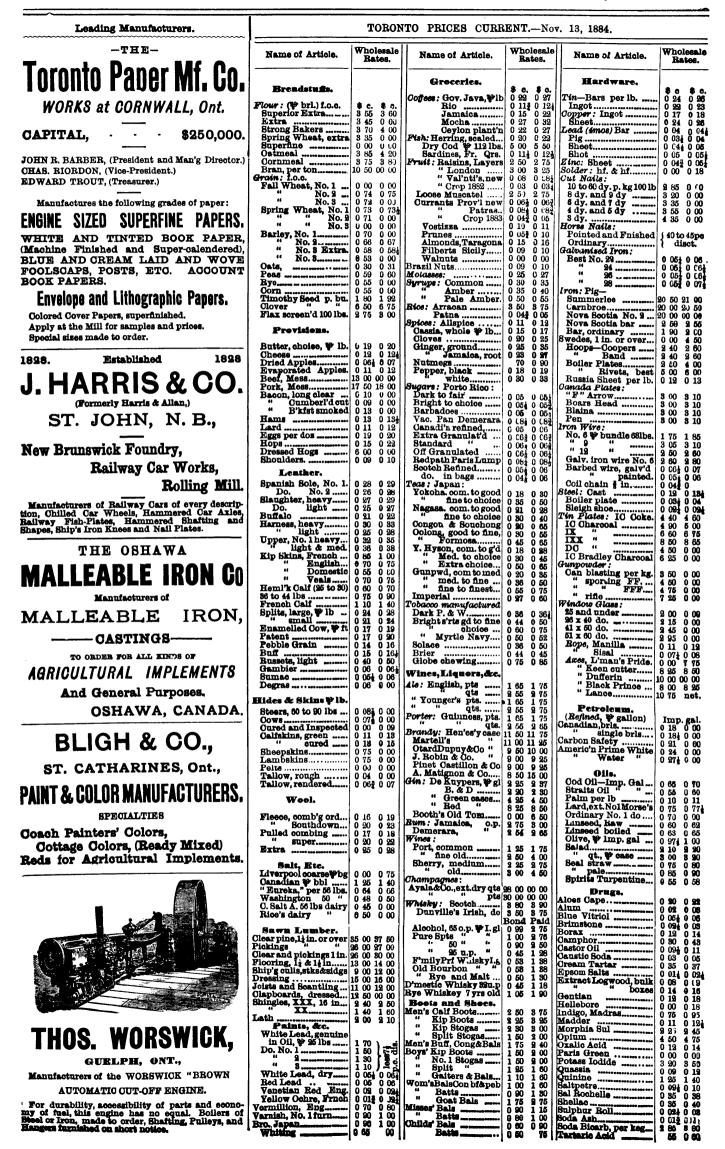
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